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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND

ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

THE CHURCH AT LITTLE RIVER

Alleghany County, North Carolina

September 1, 2, 3,

1950

Next session to be held with the church at Rock Creek, in Grayson County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1951.

Officers

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator .... Galax, Virginia.
ARTHUR GAMBILL - Clerk .... Sparta, North Carolina.

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Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1950.

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment, and was opened by singing and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway, a correspondent from the Abbott's Creek Association.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas.

3. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house, and were called to order for business by singing and prayer by Elder Robert R. Boothe, a correspondent from the Indian Creek Association.

4. Called for petitionary letters.

5. Received and read letters from all our churches.

6. Organized by electing Elder Edd Douglas Moderator, Arthur Gambill, Clerk.

7. The Moderator sent to the stand today: Elders Robert Boothe, and Harmon Kiser.

8. Called for correspondents and seated the following:

Abbott's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, Brothers C. B. Owens and E. F. Yarborough.

Roaring River—Brothers J. T. Choate, W. C. Hall, and Fosco Pruitt.
Senter—Elder Edd Davis, Brothers W. W. Miller and G. E. Kilby.
Fisher's River—Elders Matt Edwards, J. G. Fulp.
Indian Creek—Elders I. W. Kilby, Robert R. Boothe, H. W. Morgan.
Upper Mayo—Elders Carl Mabe, J. W. Tuttle, Brother J. C. Worrell.
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson.
Washington—Elders Harmon Kiser, Hadley Edwards, G. Sparks, and Brother P. B. Cantril.

9. Moved and seconded that we read the letter from the Washington Association. It was read and approved by seating the messengers and renewing correspondence by messengers.

10. It was moved and seconded that we seat the sisters from our sister Associations as visitors.

11. Called for visitors; the following came forward and were seated:

Abbott's Creek—Sisters D. P. Broadway, C. B. Owens, E. F. Yarborough.

Roaring River—Elder C. D. Hall, Sisters Grace Hall, Brother J. F. Coffey.

Senter—Brothers F. T. Miller, F. G. Weaver, Edd Severt, Kern Dixon and Sisters Rex Jones, G. A. Kilby, and W.W. Miller.

Fisher's River—Elder J. R. Crews, Brothers Brady Pilson, J. A. Marion and G. J. Key.

Indian Creek—Elders Lowell Lilly, B. T. Jenkins, H. V. Slimp, Bros. S. B. Morgan, W. A. Davidson and wife, M. L. Canada and wife, Winn Mcneil and wife and Sisters Kilby, Moore and Sutcliff.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins and Brothers A. F. Eller, and M. L. Richardson.

Upper Mayo—Elder L. J. Martin, and Brother Sanders Shulton and wife, Brother Shielder and wife, Sisters Tuttle and Worrell.

Washington—Elder S. S. Walker and wife, Brother T. C. Compton, and others.

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12. Received Minutes from the following corresponding Associations: Indian Creek; Roaring River; Senter; St. Clair's Bottom; Washington; New River; Fisher's River; Upper Mayo; and Abbott's Creek.

13. Authorized the Moderator to make all appointments for this session.

14. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of the following: Brothers C. M. Reynolds, L. E. Carico, T. L. Crouse, with the messengers of this church.

15. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following: Brothers Claude McBride, Clarence Ward and Fred Hawks.

16. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements, consisting of the following::
Elders C. B. Kilby, S. G. Caudill, S. P. Roberts, A. C. Walker, and C. C. Sawyer.

17. Appointed a Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations, and the following appointed: Elder Coy Roberts, Brothers McD. Rector and Garnett Bolt.

18. Appointed the following Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes: Brothers W. V. Ward and R. Cleve Gambill.

19. Adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. R. Crews, a visitor from the Fisher's River Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1950.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened for business with singing and prayer by Elder G. Sparks, a correspondent from the Washington Association.

2. Called for roll of messengers and left off absentees.

3. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported the following, and were dismissed:

(a) We, the Committee on Arrangements recommend to the Association that the Obituary of Deacon Lonnie Catron be printed in the Minutes.

(b) It was moved and seconded that we print the Obituary of Deacon Lonnie Catron in the Minutes.

4. Called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondence to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments:

Abbott's Creek—Eld. Edd Douglas, Bros. John Paisley, Will Collins.
Roaring River—Eld. S. G. Caudill, Bros. J. H. Stamper, A. J. Reeves.
Fisher's River—Elders C. C. Sawyer and C. L. Roberts.
Indian Creek—Elds. Mayford Cook, Edd Douglas, S. P. Roberts, C. B. Kilby.
Upper Mayo—Elders Mayford Cook, Ed Douglas, Coy Walker, and Brother Arthur Gambill.
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder S. P. Roberts, Brothers Garnett Bolt and J. H. Stamper.
Senter—Elders S. P. Roberts, Edd Douglas, C. B. Kilby, Brothers Clarence Ward, and Reeves Douglas.
Washington—Elders Coy Walker, C. L. Roberts, and Brother J. H. Stamper.

5. Called on Committee on Preaching. The following Elders were appointed and the Committee discharged:

Friday Night:

1—Elder C. N. Tilson.
2—Elder D. P. Brooadway.

Saturday Morning:

1—Elder A. J. Martin.
2—Elder Matt Edwards.
3—Elder D. P. Broadway.

Saturday Afternoon:

1—Elder Hadley Edwards.
2—Elder H. W. Morgan.
3—Elder J. G. Fulp.

Saturday Night:

1—Elder S. S. Walker.
2—Elder Lowell Lilly.

Sunday Morning:

1—Elder W. F. Eller.
2—Elder I. W. Kilby.
3—Elder H. M. Blevins.
4—Elder C. D. Hall.

Sunday Afternoon:

1—Elder Carl Mabe.
2—Elder J. W. Tuttle.
3—Elder Edd Davis.

6. Called on messengers that were appointed to visit sister Associations to report. Most of them reported their attendance. and those who failed were excused.

7. Called on Committee on Finance to report, and they reported the following:

Received from churches	$115.90
Allowed for printing Minutes	50.00
Gave to the Moderator	10.00
Gave to the Clerk	12.00
Gave to Correspondents	44.90

8. Agreed that the next session of the Association is to be held with the church at Rock Creek, in Grayson County, Virginia, five miles east of Independence, on the Galax road, and to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1951.

9. Appointed the Clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of Minutes, and have 900 copies printed and distributed as usual.

10. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, and then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

11. By move and second, the Minutes were read and approved.

12. By move and second, the Association adjourned to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Elder B. T Jenkins, a visitor from the Indian Creek Association.

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS, Moderator,
ARTHUR GAMBILL, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

1—Elder Robert R. Boothe, did not get text.
2—Elder Harmon Kiser, did not get text.

Friday Night:

1—Elder C. N. Tilson, text Matt. 7:7, 8.
2—Elder D. P. Broadway, did not get text.

Saturday Morning:

1—Elder A. J. Martin, text, Eph. 2:8.
2—Elder Matt Edwards, no special text.
3—Elder D. P. Broadway, text Isa. 40:5.

Saturday Afternoon:

1—Elder Hadley Edwards, text, John 16:22.
2—Elder Elder H. W. Morgan, failed to get text.
3—Elder J. G. Fulp, no special text.

Saturday Night:

1—Elder S. S. Walker, text, Psa. 23:1-3.
2—Elder Lowell Lilly, text John 17:1, 2.

Sunday Morning:

1—Elder W. F. Eller, Introduced.
2—Elder I. W. Kilby, text 2 Cor. 13:2-5.
3—Elder H. M. Blevins, text John 10:35.
4—Elder C. D. Hall,

Sunday Afternoon:

1—Elder Carl Mabe, no special text.
2—Elder J. W. Tuttle, failed to get text.
3—Elder Edd Davis, failed to get text.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek	June 1st Saturday
Zion	June 2nd Saturday
Little River	June 3rd Saturday
Pilgrim's Rest	June 4th Saturday
Union	July 1st Saturday
Peach Bottom	July 2nd Saturday
Fox Creek	July 3rd Saturday
Bartons X Roads	July 1st Saturday
Coleman	July 3rd Saturday
Crab Creek	July 4th Saturday
Saddle Creek	July 4th Saturday
Rock Creek	August 1st Saturday
Galax	August 2nd Saturday
Elk Creek	August 2nd Saturday
Cross Roads	August 3rd Saturday
Antioch	August 4th Saturday

And the Sunday following in all the churches.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta. North Carolina .
Elder S. G. Caudill, Independence, Virginia, Rt. 3.
Elder S. P. Roberts Independence, Virginia.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Independence, Virginia.
Elder G. C. Roberts, Independence, Virginia.
Elder J. M. Williams, Stratford, North Carolina.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta North Carolina.
Elder Coy Walker, Galax, Virginia.
Elder C. C. Sawyers, Fries, Virginia.
Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Virginia.
Elder M. K. Cook, Sparta, North Carolina.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Elder C. F. Martin, Galax, Va.	20
Abbott's Creek—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	20
Senter—W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—G. J. Key, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	20
Washington—M. C. Sutherland, Birchleaf, Va.	20
Roaring River—A. T. Whittington, North Wilksboro, N. C.	15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.	20
Upper Mayo—J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St., W-Salem, N. C.	20
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	20
Ketocton—W. C. Miller, Roslyn, Va. Box 86,	15
Ebenezer—S. O. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.	15

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERK; POST OFFICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK	POST OFFICE	NUMBER MINUTES
Rock Creek	Elder S. P. Roberts	C. S. McBride	Independence, Va.	30
Union	Elders Caudill and Kilby	W. E. Hoppers	Whitehead, N. C.	60
Cross Roads	Elder Edd Douglas	J. I. Paisley	Galax, Va.	60
Zion	Elders Kilby Caudill and Sparks	R. G. Cox	Sparta, N. C.	50
Antioch	Elders Williams, Caudill and Walker	C. G. Fender	Sparta, N. C.	40
Peach Bottom	Elders Roberts and Walker	Garnett Bolt	Independence, Va.	60
Fox Creek	Elder S. P. Roberts	Lura Parks	Mouth of Wilson, Va.	20
Galax	Elders Douglas and Sawyers	Fred Hawks	Galax, Va.	40
Pilgrim's Rest	Elders Roberts, Roberts and Roberts	A. G. Hackler	Independence, Va.	20
Cranberry	Elders Caudill and Cook	Bessie Critcher	Furches, N. C.	12
Little River	Elders Kilby and Caudill	G. R. Douglas	Sparta, N. C.	66
Saddle Creek	Elder S. P. Roberts	J. M. Ward	Independence, Va.	40
Crab Creek	Elders Douglas and Kilby	C. M. Reynolds	Sparta, N. C.	30
Elk Creek	Elder Coy Roberts	Arthur Gambill	Sparta, N. C.	35
Piney Creek	Elders Walker and Roberts	C. L. Hash	Piney Creek, N. C.	20
Coleman	Elder A. C. Walker	Estelle B. Davis	Rt. 3, Galax, Va.	12
Barton's X Roads	Elder S. P. Roberts	F. M. Greer	Grant, Va.	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Dis. by Letter	Ordained Minis.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Exper.	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Tot. membership	Contribution
Rock Creek	C. S. McBride, Mrs. C. S. McBride, J. B. Rector	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	85	16.50
Union	Elder S. G. Caudill, W. E. Hoppers, Charlie Edwards	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	48	$3.00
Cross Roads	J. M. Rector, A. L. Caudill, L. E. Carico	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	85	5.50
Zion	T. L. Crouse, A. A. Truitt, Johnnie Truitt	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	70	7.00
Antioch	Elder A. C. Walker, W. G. Richardson, W. B. Fender	4	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	55	
Peach Bottom	Garnett Bolt, Lonnie Ham, Clarence Ward	2	2	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	56	
Fox Creek	Lee J. Halsey, Dicy Griffith, Lura Parks	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	2.00
Galax	Elders R. E. Douglas, C. C. Sawyers, Fred Hawks	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	43	7.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Elders S. P. Roberts, C. L. Roberts; Harvey Stamper	4	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	24	8.75
Cranberry	Bessie Crticher, Ida Shepherd, Jenny Warden	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3.00
Little River	Elder C. B. Kilby, G. R. Douglas, L. M. Reeves	3	..	2	..	6	..	..	1	..	65	
Saddle Creek	J. M. Ward, Right Ward, Guy Phipps	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	16	
Crab Creek	C. M. Reynolds, McD. Rector, Luther Smith	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	51	11.65
Elk Creek	Arthur Gambill, S. O. Gambill, George Edwards	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	39	5.00
Piney Creek	C. L. Hash, Mont Weaver, Lloyd Delp	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	22	
Coleman	E. B. Davis, Valentine Easter, F. K. Payne	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	4.00
Barton's X Roads	F. M. Greer, Olga Greer, Laura Hash	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	

LONNIE McD. CATRON

Lonnie McDonald Catron was born April 4, 1871, and departed this life October 4, 1949, making his stay on earth 78 years and six months. He was married to Mary Jane Roberts January 26, 1892. To this union were born three children, one son and two daughters: Creed Catron, of Galax, Virginia; Anna Edwards, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Lela Fields, of Galax, Virginia.

Brother Lonnie professed a hope in Jesus and soon joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Pilgrim's Rest, the third Saturday in August, 1911, and in June, he was ordained to the work of deacon and in 1920 he was appointed clerk of the church. He served the church faithfully for 37 years as deacon, and as clerk for 28 years.

Brother Lonnie, as we call him, was a faithful man in every sphere of life; faithful in his home as a husband, faithful as father to his family, faithful to the church and community. The church has lost a faithful member, and the community and county, one of its best citizens. He bore his affliction without a murmur, and we feel assured at the moment of his passing his spirit or soul returned to God who gave it, and is at rest in His peaceful presence.

At rest, sweet rest, awaiting the adoption, the full redemption of his body, which will be raised from the dead at the second coming of the Lord, changed and glorified, and soul and body will reunite in a glorified state to live in the presence of Jesus in the glory world.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn at his passing.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Written by Elder S. P. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Virginia.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD WITH
THE CHURCH AT ROCK CREEK
GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2

1951

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Next Session to be held with the Church at Union, in Alleghany County, Whitehead, North Carolina, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1952.

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OFFICERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Moderator.....Galax, Virginia
Arthur Gambill, Clerk.....Sparta, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31, 1951

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment and was opened by singing and prayer by Elder L. J. Martin, a visitor from the Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas.

3. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the Church House and were called to order for business by singing, and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway, a correspondent from the Abbott's Creek Association.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

5. Received and read letters from all our churches, except Cranberry.

6. Organized by electing Elder Edd Douglas, moderator, Arthur Gambill, clerk.

7. The moderator sent to the stand today: Elders Jack Martin, Jesse Collins, and Harmon Kiser.

8. It was moved that we appoint our correspondent back to the New River Association, and seat the brethren that are present. It was moved and seconded that this article be referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

9. Called for correspondents and seated the following:

Abbott's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway.

Roaring River—Brethren J. T. Choate and Elgin Choate.

Senter—Elder Edd Davis and Brother F. G. Weaver.

Fisher's River—Elders Matt Edwards, Jesse Collins, F. P. Stone and J. G. Fulk.

Indian Creek—Elders H. V. Slimp, Tom Jenkins.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins.

Upper Mayo—Elder C. T. Mabe, Brother J. C. Worrells.

Washington—Elders Raleigh Compton, Lester Barker, Harmon Kiser.

10. Called for visitors. The following came forward and were seated:

Abbott's Creek—Elders Walter McMillan, G. E. Nance and Brethren J. L. Coble, R. C. Helms and Sister Nance.

Roaring River—Elder C. D. Hall.

Senter—Sister F. G. Weaver, Brother P. T. McNeil.

Fisher's River—Elders J. R. Crews, Bruce Thomas, and Brother G. J. Key.

Saint Clair's Bottom—Elder C. R. Dancy, and wife; Deacon W. B. Johnson and wife; Sister Annie Barker.

Indian Creek—Deacon W. A. Davidson and wife; Sister Johnce Lily, Brethren C. R. Lily, M. F. Meadows, Luther Easter, Lester Davis.

Upper Mayo—Elder Fletcher Beasley, Sister J. C. Warrells, and Brother Jim Goad.

Washington—Elder S. S. Walker, Deacon Stafford Rasnake, Sisters Ellen Breedings, Harmon Kiser.

11. Received minutes from the following corresponding associations: Fisher's River, Indian Creek, New River, Senter, St. Clair's Bottom, Upper Mayo, Washington, Roaring River.

12. Authorized the moderator to make all appointments for this session.

13. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of the following: Elder A. C. Walker, Brethren C. M. Wilson, and Eddie Hopper, with the messengers of this church.

14. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following: Brethren C. G. Fender, Clarence Ward, Reeves Douglas and Lonnie Carico.

15. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the following: Elders C. B. Kilby, S. G. Caudill, S. P. Roberts and Brethren Lon McReeves and J. I. Paisley.

16. Appointed a committee to assign correspondence to sister associations and the following were appointed: Elder C. L. Roberts and Brethren Mack Rector and Garnett Bolt.

17. Appointed the following committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren John Ward, Right Ward and Jack Reeves.

18. Adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. R. Crews, a visitor from the Fisher's River Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1951

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by singing and prayer by Elder G. E. Nance, a visitor from the Abbott's Creek Association.

2. Called for roll of messengers and left off absentees.

3. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they reported the following and were dismissed.

(a) The Committee recommended to the Association that the following obituaries be printed in the minutes: Deacons Charlie M. Reynolds, Birdella Dickey Reeves, Lucy Emma Rector, John Mitchell Rector, Almedia Hackler, and Robert Bruce McMillan.

(b) The Committee recommends to the Association that the article concerning the New River Association be referred to our next Association.

4. Called on committee that was appointed to assign correspondence to sister associations to report. They reported the following assignments:

Abbott's Creek—Elders Coy Walker, Coy Roberts and Brother Will Collins.

Roaring River—Elders C. B. Kilby, Coy Roberts, Coy Walker, Brother J. H. Stamper.

Senter—Elders C. B. Kilby, S. P. Roberts, Brethren Reeves Douglas, M. A. Jenkins.

Fisher's River—Elders C. B. Kilby, Coy Walker, Coy Roberts, C. C. Sawyers.

Indian Creek—Elders Edd Douglas, C. C. Sawyers, and Brother Lon McReeves.

Upper Mayo—Elder Edd Douglas and Brother Lon McReeves.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder S. P. Roberts and Brother J. H. Stamper.

Washington—Elders Coy Walker, Coy Roberts, Edd Douglas.

5. Called on Committee on Preaching. The following Elders were appointed and the committee discharged:

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Elder Carl Mabe.
2. Elder C. R. Dancy
3. Elder J. G. Fulk.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1. Elder D. P. Broadway.
2. Elder Matt Edwards.
3. Elder Fletcher Beasley.
4. Elder Walter McMillan.

SUNDAY MORNING

1. Elder Edd Davis.
2. Elder H. M. Blevins.
3. Elder Lester Barker.
4. Elder Tom Jenkins.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

1. Elder C. D. Hall.
2. Elder Dewey Roten.
3. Elder Edd Douglas.

6. Called on messengers that were appointed to visit sister associations to report. Most of them reported their attendance, and those who failed were excused.

7. Called on Committee on Finance to report and they reported the following:

(a) Received from the Churches	$120.95
Allowed for printing minutes	50.00
Gave to moderator	10.00
Gave to clerk	12.00
Gave to correspondents	48.95
Total	$120.95

(b) Brethren, sisters and friends gave the Finance Committee $126.68, which was divided among the visiting elders.

8. Moved and seconded that we print in our minutes the Articles of Faith and the Rules of Decorum.

9. Agreed that the next session of the Association to be held with the Church at Union, in Allegheny County, four miles west of Sparta, on Highway No. 18, and to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1952.

10. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of minutes. He is to have 900 copies printed and distributed as usual.

11. Resolved, That we return thanks, first to God; then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

12. By move and second the minutes were read and approved.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Elder S. S. Walker, a visitor from the Washington Association.

ELDER EDD DOUGLASS, Moderator.

ARTHUR GAMBILL, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Elder Carl Mabe—Failed to get text.
2. Elder C. R. Dancy—Failed to get text.
3. Elder J. G. Fulk—No special text.
4. Elder F. P. Stone—Text, John 4:32.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1. Elder D. P. Broadway—Text, Isa. 55:10.
2. Elder Matt Edwards—Text, 2 Phil. 2:12.
3. Elder Fletcher Beasley.
4. Elder Walter McMillan—Text, Matt. 19:25.

SUNDAY MORNING

1. Elder Edd Davis—Text, Isa. 28:16.
2. Elder H. M. Blevins.
3. Elder Lester Barker—Text, Isa. 63.
4. Elder Tom Jenkins—Failed to get text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

1. Elder C. D. Hall—Text, John 6:60.
2. Elder Edd Douglas.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, North Carolina
Elder S. G. Caudill, R. 3, Independence, Virginia
Elder S. P. Roberts, Independence, Virginia
Elder C. L. Roberts, Independence, Virginia
Elder G. C. Roberts, Independence, Virginia
Elder J. M. Williams, Straford, North Carolina
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, North Carolina
Elder Coy Walker, Galax, Virginia
Elder C. C. Sawyers, Fries, Virginia
Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Virginia
Elder M. K. Cook, Sparta, North Carolina
Elder Leo Bagby, Sparta, North Carolina

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek	June, 1st Saturday
Zion	June, 2nd Saturday
Little River	June, 3rd Saturday
Pilgrim's Rest	June, 4th Saturday
Union	July, 1st Saturday
Beach Bottom	July, 2nd Saturday
Fox Creek	July, 3rd Saturday
Barton's X Roads	July, 1st Saturday
Coleman	July, 3rd Saturday
Crab Creek	July, 4th Saturday
Saddle Creek	July, 4th Saturday
Rock Creek	August, 1st Saturday
Galax	August, 2nd Saturday
Elk Creek	August, 2nd Saturday
Cross Roads	August, 3rd Saturday
Antioch	August, 4th Saturday

And the Sunday following in all the Churches.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Elder C. F. Martin, Galax, Va.	20
Abbott's Creek—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	20
Senter—W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.	20
Washington—M. C. Sutherland, Birchleaf, Va.	20
Roaring River—A. T. Whittington, North Wilksboro, N. C.	15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.	20
*Upper Mayo—J. W. Moorefield	20
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	20
Ketocton—W. C. Miller, Roslyn, Va., Box 86	15
Ebenezer—S. O. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.	15

* P. O. 3405 Hanes Ave., Winston Salem, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Christ Jesus and called and shall never fade away.

9. We believe that full baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances—that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

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12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

OBITUARIES

LUCY EMMA RECTOR AND JOHN MITCHELL RECTOR

Lucy Todd Rector and John Mitchell Rector were blessed to live a happy 59 years together; and, as they lived together, so they died together.

She was born into this world on January 16, 1874, and calmly departed on February 8, 1951, at the age of 77 years and 22 days.

He was born on April 14, 1870, willingly following her in death on February 9, 1951, concluding a useful span of life lasting 80 years, eight months, and 25 days.

They were united in wedlock in August, 1892, and to this union were born six children—one son, James Leon, and one daughter, Ruth, preceding them in death by several years.

They leave to mourn their departure: two daughters, Mrs. Lon Mac Reeves, of Sparta, and Miss Rose Rector, of Baywood, Va.; and two sons, Montague T. Rector, of Baywood, and Ben Haswell Rector, of Ennice. They also leave behind 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of grieved nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

In addition, she is survived by two brothers, Izeriah and Levi Todd, both of Galax, Va.

In early life—together—they joined the Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church in which they both remained faithful and beloved members until death overtook them. They practiced their religion every day of the week as kind and generous neighbors and friends to all.

In their waning years they experienced almost continuous illness but bore their afflictions cheerfully and patiently throughout the long days and nights until the gentle hand of God beckoned them to enter His Eternal Kingdom together—as they had lived their lives together.

Her unfailing good humor in all times of stress made her life a beacon for troubled hearts of all kinds. As a wife and mother, she devoted her entire life to the service of her family.

Throughout his long life John Mitchell Rector was widely known for his faithful service to the Primitive Baptist Church. He served loyally as clerk of the Mountain Primitive Baptist Association for 35 years; as a deacon in the Crossroads Church for 25 years; and, also, as a clerk for that church for almost 30 years. His every task in connection with the services he performed with a glad and willing heart, since he virtually lived for his church and his family.

The world is now a better place in which to live, because Emma and John Mitchell Rector have been here.

ROBERT BRUCE MC MILLIAN

Robert Bruce McMillian was born May 30, 1881; departed this life August 5, 1949. He was married to Maude Shepherd, Sept. 23, 1906. To this union were born ten children—eight girls and two boys; two girls preceded him in death. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Fox Creek in early life and lived a faithful member until death. He was or-

dained deacon of Fox Creek Church several years ago and filled that office faithful until death. He was a kind husband and father always doing every thing he could do for the comfort of his family. He served Allegheny County as sheriff for a number of years. He was a prosperous farmer. Brother McMillian was an humble and faithful man and was held in high esteem by his countrymen and also by the church—always showing much care for his unworthy pastor.

May the Lord comfort his bereaved widow. Through indervery and faithfulness of his life he has left the children a rich legacy. May the Lord bless each of them to keep in memory his good council and advice as a loving father.

Funeral service was conducted by Elders S. P. Roberts and Coy Walker; his body was committed to its last resting place in the cemetery at Cranberry Church to await the second coming of the Lord. Precious in the sight of God is the death of His saints.

An unusual large crowd attended the funeral from all parts of Allegheny County.

Written by his pastor, Elder S. P. Roberts.

ALMEDIA HACKLER

Our dear mother was called to never-ending eternity on March 8, 1951 —Almedia Helborne Hackler was born October 27, 1860—age 90 years, 5 months, and 8 days. She married Elder F. M. Hackler February 12, 1879. To them were born five children—3 girls and 2 boys; all of whom are members of the church, except one boy.

She professed a good hope in Jesus in early life and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Rock Creek. She was a faithful member of the church and attended regular as long as her health permitted.

May the Lord continue to bless the lonely children. Mother will be greatly missed by her friends, church and the children. Precious in the sight of God is the death of His saints.

Written by her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Hawks.

CHARLIE M. REYNOLDS

Charlie M. Reynolds, son of the late Isom Reynolds and wife, was born in Allegheny County, N. C., June 15, 1879; departed this life June 5, 1951; at the age of 72 years. He was married to Della Richardson Feb. 28, 1900. To this union two daughters were born—Flora and Amma, who preceded him in death. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch, N. C., June 14, 1909. He was ordained deacon the fourth Saturday in June, 1918. He later moved his membership to Crab Creek Church the fourth Saturday in January, 1926. He was appointed church clerk the fourth Saturday in October, 1947, and served both clerk and deacon until death.

Brother Reynolds was a faithful man in every sphere of life. The church has lost a faithful and devoted member, and the community and

county one of its best citizens. He leaves a lonely wife, many relatives and friends to mourn his passing. Funeral services were conducted at Crab Creek Church by Elders Douglas and Kilby; his body now rests from the many years of toil to await the Resurrection morning when it will be raised a spiritual body and fashioned in the likeness of Jesus.

Written by Mack Rector.

BIRDELLA DICKEY REEVES

Mrs. Birdella Dickey Reeves, widow of the late Ellis F. Reeves, was born in 1868 and passed on to her eternal home December 19, 1950, after a period of declining health. She was married to Ellis F. Reeves in 1889; to this union were born three children: John Mack Reeves, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. R. S. Wellborn, Independence, Va., Fred Reeves, also of Independence, Va., who preceded her in death some few years ago.

Sister Reeves was a life-long member of Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church. She led the most high, virtuous, honorable, quiet and peaceful life in the home and community and church. Her faithfulness in every sphere of life we feel assured is unexcelled.

Sister Reeves was one of my helpers in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. She never overlooked her poor unworthy pastor and was ever willing to hold up his hands that the gospel might have free course to feed the Church of God.

She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her passing and is greatly missed in the home and in the church and community.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Sister Reeves did what she could. Her funeral was conducted by her unworthy pastor, assisted by Rev. R. L. Wiley and Rev. C. H. Williams; her body was committed to its last resting place beside her husband in Independence Cemetery to await the second coming of the Lord.

Written by her unworthy pastor, Elder S. P. Roberts.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERK; POST OFFICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK POST OFFICE	NUMBER MINUTES
Rock Creek	Elder S. P. Roberts	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	30
Union	Elders Caudill and Kilby	W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C.	60
Cross Roads	Elder Edd Douglas	J. I. Paisley, Galax, Va.	60
Zion	Elders Kilby, Caudill and Sparks	R. G. Cox, Sparta, N. C.	50
Antioch	Elders Williams, Caudill and Walker	C. G. Fender, Sparta, N. C.	40
Peach Bottom	Elders Roberts and Walker	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	60
Fox Creek	Elder S. P. Roberts	Lee J. Halsey, Mouth of Wilson, Va.	20
Galax	Elders Douglas and Sawyers	Fred Hawks, Galax, Va.	40
Pilgrim's Rest	Elders Roberts, Roberts and Roberts	A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va.	20
Cranberry	Elders Caudill and Cook	Bessie Critcher, Furches, N. C.	12
Little River	Elders Kilby and Caudill	G. R. Douglas, Sparta, N. C.	66
Saddle Creek	Elder S. P. Roberts	J. M. Ward, Independence, Va.	40
Crab Creek	Elders Douglas and Kilby	Mac D. Rector, R. 1, Galax, Va.	30
Elk Creek	Elders Coy Roberts, Leo Bagby	Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.	35
Piney Creek	Elders Walker and Roberts	C. L. Hash, Piney Creek, N. C.	20
Coleman	Elder A. C. Walker	Estelle B. Davis, R. 3, Galax, Va.	12
Barton's X Roads	Elders S. P. Roberts, A. C. Walker	F. M. Greer, Grant, Va.	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sunday of Meeting	Dismissed by Letter	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Exp & Bap	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	No. In Fellowship	Contribution
UNION	Elder S. G. Caudill, W. E. Hoppers, Robert Cleary	1		1					1		84	$ 5.60
CROSS ROADS	A. L. Caudill, L. E. Carico, J. I. Paisley	3							4		81	15.00
ZION	R. G. Cox, C. M. Wilson, J. R. Crouse	2		1					2		58	10.00
ANTIOCH	Elder A. C. Walker, C. G. Fender, W. G. Richardson	4		2			2				57	6.00
PEACH BOTTOM	Garnett Bolt, Lonnie Ham, Clarence Ward	2					3		5		54	11.00
FOX CREEK	Lee J. Halsey, Jennie Hash, Maude McMillan	3							1		8	2.25
GALAX	W. R. Hawks, Elder C. C. Sawyers, Fred Hawks	2	1	2		1					43	8.00
PILGRIM'S REST	Elder S. P. Roberts, C. L. Roberts, Harvey Stamper	4		3			3		1		26	8.35
CRANBERRY												
LITTLE RIVER	Elder C. B. Kilby, Lon Mac Reeves, G. R. Douglas	3		1			4		4	1	64	16.00
SADDLE CREEK	W. V. Ward, J. M. Ward, M. A. Jenkins	2									14	6.00
CRAB CREEK	Mc D. Rector, Luther Smith, M. J. Carr	4								3	48	11.25
ELK CREEK	Arthur Gambill, Wayne Reeves, R. C. Gambill	2							1	3	37	7.50
PINEY CREEK	C. L. Hash, Mont Weaver	1	1								21	5.00
COLEMAN	E. B. Davis, Valentine Easter, F. K. Payne	3									7	2.00
BARTON'S X ROADS	Olga Greer, Flora Anderson, Laura Hash	1							1		14	3.00
ROCK CREEK	Claude McBride, J. B. Rector, Paul Hash	1							1		48	4.00

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OF THE

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with Union Church, Alleghany County, N. C.,
Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
September 5, 6, 7

1952

OFFICERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Moderator.....Galax, Virginia
Elder C. B. Kilby, Clerk.....R. 3, Sparta, N. C.
Lon M. Reeves, Assistant Clerk.....Sparta, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1952

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment and was opened by singing and prayer by Elder W. L. Johnson, visitor from Upper Mayo Association.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas; text, Cor. 1:1.

3. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the Church House and were called to order for business by singing, and prayer by Elder A. R. Singleton, visitor from Washington Association.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

5. Received and read letters from all our churches, except Coleman.

6. Organized by electing Elder Edd Douglas, moderator; Elder C. B. Kilby, clerk, and by move and second, Lon M. Reeves, assistant clerk.

7. The moderator sent to the stand today: Elders J. F. Hill, R. F. Moore and D. P. Broadway.

8. Called for correspondents and seated the following:

Abbott's Creek—Elders Walter C. McMillan, G. E. Nance and Brother C. A. Livengood.

Roaring River—Brethren J. F. Coffee, Voscoe Pruitt and J. T. Choate.

Senter—Elder Edd Davis, Brethren F. T. Miller, F. G. Weaver and Felix Bear.

Fisher's River—Elders James F. Hill, J. G. Fulk, and Brother J. I. Lawson.

Indian Creek—Elders G. T. Foley and L. M. Lillie.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins.

Upper Mayo—Elders W. J. Tuttle, Fletcher Beasley and Carl T. Mabe.

Washington—Elders Herman Kiser, M. M. Edwards, G. B. Sutherland.

9. Called for visitors. The following came forward and were seated:

Abbott's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, Brother H. E. Walser and wife and Brother J. A. Nance.

Roaring River—Elder W. C. Hall.

Senter—Elders P. T. McNeil, Leo V. Bagley, Sisters Mallie Weaver and Margaret Cockram, Brother G. E. Kilby, Brother R. L. Speaks and wife, and others.

Fisher's River—Elders H. B. Thomas, J. M. Edwards, Sister Fulk and Brother George Mitchell.

Saint Clair's Bottom—Elders B. H. Blevins, C. R. Dancy and wife, and Brother W. B. Johnson and wife.

Indian Creek—Brethren Luther Easter, W. A. Davidson, Henry Morgan and their wives; Ira Mann, Elbert Morgan, Sisters Poff and Sutphin.

Upper Mayo—Elders Joel Simmons and wife, W. J. Brown, F. R. Moore

and W. L. Johnson, Brethren Henry Shealer, A. A. Jefferson and wife, Sister Fletcher Beasley and Myra J. Flippin.

Washington—Elder A. R. Singleton, Brethren F. M. Arington, Stafford Rasnake, Sisters Carrie Counts, Polly Mullins, Mae Edwards, Lizzie Kiser and Ellen Breeding.

White Water Association of Indiana—Elder J. E. Sparks.

Oak Grove Church—Elder Jack Martin.

10. Received minutes from the following corresponding associations:

Fisher's River, Indian Creek, Senter, St. Clair's Bottom, Upper Mayo, Washington and Roaring River.

11. Authorized the moderator to make all appointments for this session.

12. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of the following:

Elder A. C. Walker, Brethren Mac D. Rector and Fred Hawks.

13. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following:

Brethren Charlie Crouse, Claude McBride, Clarence Ward, Lonnie Carico.

14. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the following: Elders S. P. Roberts, Walter Evans and J. C. Sparks and Brother J. H. Stamper.

15. Appointed a committee to assign correspondence to sister associations and the following were appointed: Elder C. M. Roberts, Brethren Garnett Bolt and Arthur Gambill.

16. Appointed the following committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren R. G. Cox and Wright Ward.

17. Adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder Harmon Kiser, a correspondent from the Washingotn Association.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by singing and prayer by Elder Jack Martin, visitor from Oak Grove Church.

2. Called for roll of messengers and left off absentees.

3. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they reported the following and were dismissed:

(a) The committee recommended to the Association that the obituaries of Elder J. M. Williams, Deacon William Lee Hall, Sister Verdie Edwards and Sister Etta Edwards Truitt be printed in the minutes.

(b) The committee recommends to the Association that we dismiss the New River matter until order is restored among themselves, in such a way that it will be agreeable with our Correspondent Association.

(c) The committee recommended to the Association that the Association set with Cross Roads Church, Baywood, Va., next session.

4. Called on committee that was appointed to assign correspondence to sister associations to report. They reported the following assignments:

Abbott's Creek—Elders Edd Douglas, S. P. Roberts, Brethren J. I. Paisley, L. H. Smith and Will Collins.

Roaring River—Elder C. B. Kilby, Brethren J. H. Stamper and Reeves Douglas.

Senter—Elders Edd Douglas, C. B. Kilby, S. P. Roberts, Brethren Reeves Douglas and J. I. Paisley.

Fisher's River—Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder C. B. Kilby and Brother Lonnie Carico.

Indian Creek—Elder C. B. Kilby, Brethren Lon M. Reeves, M. A. Jenkins.

Upper Mayo—Elders Walter Evans, C. B. Kilby, S. P. Roberts and Brethren Lon M. Reeves and J. H. Stamper.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder M. K. Cook, Brethren L. E. Carico and L. H. Stamper.

Washington—Elders M. K. Cook, Walter Evans, Brethren J. H. Stamper and Claude McBride.

5. Called on Committee on Preaching. The following elders were appointed and the committee discharged:

FRIDAY NIGHT AT LITTLE RIVER
Elders Gurney Nance, and Lowell Lilley.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT UNION
Elders W. J. Tuttle, G. B. Sutherland, H. M. Blevins.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT ANTIOCH
Elders C. R. Dancy, B. H. Blevins and Simons.

SATURDAY MORNING
1. Elder Eddie Martin—Failed to get text.
2. Elder G. B. Sutherland—Failed to get text.
3. Elder W. J. Tuttle—Failed to get text.
4. Elder G. T. Foley—Failed to get text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
1. Elder Carl T. Mabe—4th chapter Timothy.
2. Elder J. G. Fulk—1st Timothy, 5:21.
3. Elder J. E. Sparks—2nd Timothy, 2:19.

SUNDAY MORNING
1. Elder Dewey Roten—St. Luke, 4:18.
2. Elder Lowell Lilley—St. John, 17th chapter.
3. Elder A. R. Singleton—No special text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
1. Elder W. C. McMillan—Rom. 3:25.
2. Elder Edd Davis—Ephesians, 1:2.
3. Elder H. M. Blevins—Comments and hymn.

6. Called on messengers that were appointed to visit sister associations to report. Most of them reported their attendance, and those who failed were excused.

7. Called on Committee on Finance to report and they reported the following:

(a) Received from the Churches	$139.85
Allowed for printing minutes	60.00
Gave to moderator	20.00
Gave to clerk	20.00
Gave to correspondents	39.85
Total	$139.85

(b) Brethren, sisters and friends gave the Finance Committee $186.05.

8. Moved and seconded that we have letter forms printed and sent to each church.

9. Moved and seconded that we print in our minutes the Articles of Faith and the Rules of Decorum.

10. Moved and seconded that we print only obituaries of Elders and their wives and deacons and their wives in our minutes.

11. Agreed that the next session of the Association to be held with the Church at Cross Roads, Baywood, Va., in Grayson County, and to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1953.

12. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of minutes. He is to have 900 copies printed and distributed as usual, and is to send the minutes to Cayce Publishing Company for printing.

13. Resolved, That we return thanks, first to God; then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

14. By move and second the minutes were read and approved.

15. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Elder H. B. Thomas, visitor from Fisher's River.

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS, Moderator.

ELDER C. B. KILBY, Clerk.

LON M. REEVES, Assistant Clerk.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder S. G. Caudill, R. 3, Independence, Va.
Elder S. P. Roberts, Independence, Va.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Independence, Va.
Elder G. C. Roberts, Independence, Va.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Elder M. K. Cook, Sparta, N. C.
Licentiate Claude Lawson, Galax, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek	June, 1st Saturday
Zion	June, 2nd Saturday
Little River	June, 3rd Saturday
Pilgrim's Rest	June, 4th Saturday
Union	July, 1st Saturday
Peach Bottom	July, 2nd Saturday
Fox Creek	July, 3rd Saturday
Barton's X Roads	July, 1st Saturday
Coleman	July, 3rd Saturday
Crab Creek	July, 4th Saturday
Saddle Creek	July, 4th Saturday
Rock Creek	August, 1st Saturday
Galax	August, 2nd Saturday
Elk Creek	August, 2nd Saturday

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12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of

OBITUARIES

JOHN M. WILLIAMS

Elder John M. Williams was born April 10, 1868 and departed this life March 9, 1952; making his stay on earth 83 years, 10 months and 29 days.

He was married to Lou Annie Atwood, Nov. 6, 1886. To this union were born eleven children, 7 of whom preceded him in death. He is survived by his companion with whom he spent more than 65 years of his life; also 4 children: Mrs. Leona McMeans, Eura Corneal, Carrie Billings, and Roscoe Williams, 26 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

In early life he received a hope in Christ and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch, July, 1888, and there remained a member until death.

In the year of 1888 the Church gave him liberty to exercise in public and in June, 1905, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry and exercised in public 63 years. In his declining years the Church did not cast him aside because he could not serve them, but held on to him as their pastor and leader in Israel. He was a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God. He traveled through rain and snow to serve God and the Churches.

He was a good father to the children, a good pastor, a kind friend to all who knew him. Our hearts are made sad with the departure of their dear one; also are made glad that he is now asleep in Jesus.

Blessed sleep from which none ever awake to weep.—Written by Nina Dancy Fender, by request.

WILLIAM LEE HALL

In memory of William Lee Hall, who was born in Smyth County, Virginia, March 10, 1879, and was united in marriage to Malinda Hamm on October 29, 1900. To this union were born 12 children: Noah Hall, Mrs. Tina Moxley, Mrs. Anna Combs, Mrs. Allie Parks, Mrs. Nettie Marsh, Arthur Hall, Mrs. Virginia Thompson, Mrs. Vina Widner, Brock, Cicero and Amos Hall. One son, Dando, preceded him in death a number of years ago. He professed a hope in Christ and united with the Primitive Baptist Church where he remained faithful until the end. He was often found rejoicing in his Saviour's love, always wanting the Lord's will to be done. So on Sunday, June 8, 1952, the death angel made its visit and relieved his suffering. He left us with a sweet smile on his face to go and forever be with God where no suffering or heartaches ever dwell, making his stay on earth 73 years, 2 months and 28 days. He leaves to mourn his going a faithful companion, 11 children, 59 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers and 1 sister, and a host of relatives and friends.—A Friend.

ETTA EDWARDS TRUITT

Etta Edwards Truitt passed away at her home June 1, 1952, at the age of 70 years and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late David and Caroline Edwards of Sparta, N. C. She had been ill for several years, and seriously ill for the past ten months. She bore her afflictions with much patience; all was done for her that could be done by the hospital staff, medical aid, husband and friends, but none could stay the hand of death. Surviving are: The husband, who was so good and kind to wait on her during her illness; three sons: Johnie, of Baywood, Va., Garfield, of Sparta, N. C., and Talmadge, of Glade Valley, N. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Richardson, of Society Hill, S. C.; two brothers, Commodore and Robert Edwards, of Sparta, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Sparks, of Sparta, and Misses Sallie and Pearl Edwards, of Sparta, N. C.; and six grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Zion almost 50 years ago. Sister Truitt lived up to her profession by her daily walks in life. She reared a model family; was a devoted companion to her husband and was daily doing acts of kindness and love for her children, husband, neighbors and friends.

The Church has sustained a great loss and her family suffered a loss that can never be filled.

VERDIE EDWARDS WILSON

Verdie Edwards Wilson, daughter of the late Richard and Rosabelle Edwards, was born March 23, 1883; departed this life Oct. 30, 1951; making her stay on earth 68 years, 7 months and 7 days.

She was married to Cabell M. Wilson October 8, 1911. To this union was born one son, Emerson Wilson of the home.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Church at Zion over 48 years ago. She leaves to mourn her departure: A lonely husband, one son, three sisters: Mrs. Myrtle Fender, Sparta, N. C., Mrs. Annice Richardson, Society Hill, S. C., and Miss Lula Edwards, of Sparta, N. C.; three brothers: Garfield Edwards, Emory Edwards and Luther Edwards, all of Sparta, N. C.

She had been in failing health for many years but bore her affliction with much patience, and although suffering much of her time in her last years, she managed her home work and duties to her family and friends to the end.

Being the wife of a Deacon she performed her duties faithfully till in failing health other kind hands relieved her of most of these duties. In her last years, not being able to attend her church meetings herself, she would insist on her husband going on to church when meeting time came. On the morning of Oct. 30, while she and her husband were returning from a visit to see her Doctor, she was fatally stricken. The Doctor was hastily summoned. All was done for her that medical aid, kind husband, son, neighbors and friends could do, but none could stay the hand of death. She was a kind entertaining woman in her home and was loved by all who knew her. She was a good wife and mother and will be greatly missed in the home, church and community.—Written by request by T. R. Crouse.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & PASTORS	ADDRESS OF CLERKS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp & Bap	Received by Letter	Ordained Ministers	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution	Number of Minutes
Cross Roads—Eld. Edd Douglas	J. I. Paisley, Galax, Va.	L. E. Carico, J. I. Paisley, J. D. Murray	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	80	3	18.50	60
Zion—Elders Cook, Kilby, Sparks, and Caudill	R. G. Cox., Sparta, N. C.	Elder M. K. Cook, R. G. Cox, J. R. Crouse	—	6	3	2	—	—	—	3	63	2	10.00	50
Antioch—Elds. Walker & Evans	C. G. Fender, Sparta, N. C.	Elder A. C. Walker, J. P. Absher, C. F. Crouse	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	4	53	4	11.00	40
Peach Bottom—Elds. Walker, and Roberts	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Clarence Ward Green Ward	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	56	2	12.65	60
Fox Creek—Eld. S. P. Roberts	Lura Parks	Lura Parks, Dicey Griffith, Jennie Hash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	2.50	20
Galax—Elds. Douglas & Sawyer	Fred Hawks, Galax, Va.	Elders R. E. Douglas, and C. C. Sawyer, Fred Hawks	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	1	44	2	8.25	40
Pilgrim's Rest—Elds. S. P., C. L., & G. C. Roberts	A. G. Hackler, Independence, V.	Elders C. L. Roberts, and S. P. Roberts, J. H. Stamper	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	—	29	4	6.50	20
Cranberry—Eld. M. K. Cook	Bessie Critcher, Furches, N. C.	Sister Bessie Critcher	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	2.00	12
Little River—Elds. Kilby & Evans	G. R. Douglas, Sparta, N. C.	Elders C. B. Kilby and Walter Evans, Lon M. Reeves	—	2	—	2	2	2	—	1	65	3	21.50	60
Saddle Creek—Eld. S. P. Roberts	J. M. Ward, Independence, Va.	M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps, W. V. Ward	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	4	6.00	30
Crab Creek—Elds. Douglas & Kilby	Mac D. Rector, R. 1, Galax, Va.	Mac D. Rector, L. H. Smith, M. J. Carr	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	4	15.00	45
Elk Creek—Elds. Evans, Roberts and Bagley	Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.	Arthur Gambill, Willie Joines, R. C. Gambill	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	41	2	8.00	35
Piney Creek—Elds. Roberts & Bagley	C. L. Hash, Piney Creek, N. C.	C. L. Hash, Myrtle Halsey, Sister Mont Weaver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	20	1	4.50	20
Coleman	Estelle B. Davis, R. 3, Galax, V.	Not Represented	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barton's X Roads—Elders Roberts and Walker	F. M. Greer, Grant, Va.	Sister Olga Greer, Flora Anderson, Lora Hash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	1	4.00	15
Rock Creek—Eld. S. P. Roberts	C. S. McBride, Independence, V.	C. S. McBride, J. B. Rector, Esther McBride	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	1	5.00	30
Union—Elds. Caudill, Kilby and Evans	W E Hoppers, Whitehead, N C	W. E. Hoppers, Vince Waddell A. L. Richardson	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	84	1	6.45	50
TOTALS			1	24	6	11	4	5	—	14	675	—	141.85	587

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Minutes

— of the —

One Hundred Fifty-Seventh

Annual Session

— of the —

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

Antioch Church

ALLEGHANY COUNTY, SPARTA, N. C.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER,
2, 3, 4,

1955

Next session convenes with Peach Bottom Church, located one mile north of Independence, Virginia, Grayson County, on highway Number 21, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1956.

— Officers —

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator, Galax, Virginia
LON M. REEVES - Clerk, Sparta, North Carolina
ELDER C. B. KILBY - Assistant Clerk, Sparta, N. C.

THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE
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Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 1955.

1. The Association met according to last years' appointment and was opened by song and prayer by Elder C. R. Dancey, visitor from St. Clair's Bottom Association.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas, text Psalm 133.

3. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business by song and prayer by Elder Hadley Edwards, correspondent from Washington Association.

Called for petitionary letters. None came.

5. Received and read letters from all our churches, except two.

6. Organized by electing Elder Edd Douglas, Moderator, Lon M. Reeves, Clerk, and Elder C. B. Kilby, assistant Clerk.

7. The Moderator sent to the stand today: Elder George Berrier, and Elder Jack Martin.

8. It was moved that our correspondents that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations report, and to excuse those that failed.

9. On motion called for correspondents and seated the following:

Abbott's Creek: Elder D. P. Broadway, Elder L. G. Cashion, and Brother C. B. Owen.

Roaring River: Brother C. E. Estep, and Brother Voscoe Pruitt.

Senter: Brother F. G. Weaver, Brethren Rex Jones, and Felix Bare.

Fisher's River: Elder George Berrier and Brother M. W. Pruitt.

Indian Creek: Elder Owen Harvey.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder S. T. Heath, and Brother Huey Blevins.

Upper Mayo: None.

Washington: Elder Hadley Edwards, Elder A. R. Singleton, and Elder S. S. Walker.

10. Called for visitors. The following came forward and were seated:

Abbott's Creek: None.

Roaring River: Elders Kelly Anderson, and C. D. Hall, Brethren W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffey, D. L. Church, and John Choate.

Senter: Elder G. D. Roten

Fisher's River: Elders D. E. Wood, J. G. Fulk, Brethren G. L. Hawks, and Cleaver Hawks.

State Line Church: Elder J. A. Simmons and wife, Elder R. L. Rogers Brother Moir Flippin, Bro. H. S. Shelor, and Brother A. A. Jefferson.

Saint Clair's Bottom: Elder C. R. Dancy, and Brother Kernel Adams.

United Primitive Baptist Churches of Virginia: Elder Ray Rotenizer, Brethren L. W. Reece, E. C. Thompson and Licentiate W. L. Pruitt.

Indian Creek: Elder K. M. McBride, Brother W. A. Davidson and wife, Brother Posey Bowers and Sister Owen Harvey.

Upper Mayo: None.

St. Delight Church: Brother C. F. Shields and wife, Brother Roy Vernon and wife, Brother D. O. Smith and wife.

Washington: Elder M. C. Miller.

Oak Grove Church: Elder Jack Martin.

11. Received Minutes from the following corresponding Associations:

Mates Creek, Indian Creek, St. Clair's Bottom, Union of Kentucky, Ketocton, Abbott's Creek, Roaring River, Fisher's River, Washington, and Senter.

12. By motion authorized the Moderator to make all appointments for this session.

13. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of the following: Brother R. C. Gambill, Brother J. R. Crouse, Brother Greely Austin, with the messengers of this church.

14. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following: Brother Claude McBride, Brother C. L. Hash, Brother W. E. Hoppers and Brother Clarence Ward.

15. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the following:

Elder Walter Evans, Elder C. C. Sawyer, Brother Claude Lawson, Brethren M. A. Jenkins, Arthur Gambill, with Moderator and Clerk.

16. Appointed a Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations and the following were appointed: Brother Lonnie Carico, Brother M. D. Rector, and Brother Herman Edwards.

17. Appointed the following Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes: Brother W.V. Ward, and Brother J. D. Murray.

18. On motion adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Elder M. C. Miller, visitor from Washington Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 3, 1955.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by song and prayer by Licentiate W. L. Pruitt, visitor from United Primitive Baptist Churches of Virginia.

2. By motion called roll of messengers and marked off those absent.

3. By motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they reported the following, and were dismissed:

(a) The Committee recommended to the Association that the obituaries of Sister Laura M. Sawyers, Brother D. C. Choate, Brother and Sister J. Merriman Edwards be printed in these Minutes.

(b) The Committee recommends to the Association that we take notice of Committee that was to visit Pilgrim's Rest Church.

4. Called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments:

Abbott's Creek: Elders Walter Evans, Edd Douglas, Brethren L. E. Carico, L. M. Reeves, C. A. Lawson, and W. H. Collins.

Roaring River: Elder C. B. Kilby, Brethren Cleve Gambill, J. R. Crouse, Mart Jenkins, and C. D. Murray.

Senter: Elders Walter Evans, C. B. Kilby, and Brother L. E. Carico.

Fisher's River: Elds. C. C. Sawyer, Walter Evans, Bro. C. A. Lawson.

Indian Creek: Elder C. C. Sawyer, Brethren Mart Jenkins and Raymond Nichols.

Upper Mayo: None.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Walter Evans and Brother A. J. Reeves.

Washington: Elder Edd Douglas, Brethren Mart Caudill, J. R. Crouse, Mart Jenkins, C. A. Lawson, and Raymond Nichols.

5. Called on Committee on Preaching. The following Elders were appointed, and the Committee discharged.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

1. Elder Jack Martin, text, Eph. 2:8.
2. Elder George Berrier, John 10:27.

Saturday Night, at Little River Church:

1. Elder Jack Martin.
2. Elder Joel Simmons.

Saturday Morning:

1. Elder S. T. Heath, failed to get text.
2. Elder M. C. Miller, Rom. 13:1
3. Elder A. R. Singleton, John 1:4.

Saturday Afternoon:

1. Elder D. P. Broadway, Gen. 2:31.
2. Elder Owen Harvey, no special text.
3. Elder C. D. Hall, failed to get text.

Friday Night, at Little River Church:

1. Elder Hadley Edwards.
2. Elder L. G. Cashion.

Sunday Morning:

Elder K. M. McBride, opened service.

1. Elder C. R. Dancy, Jude 1:3.
2. Elder Hadley Edwards, Rom. 5:1.
3. Elder L. G. Cashion, failed to get text.

Sunday Afternoon:

1. Elder J. G. Fulk, Isa. 40:10.
2. Elder Dewey Roten, Heb. 11:1.

Closed with a short talk by Moderator, and benediction by Elder K. A. Anderson.

6. By motion called on Committee on Finance to report, and they reported the following:

(a) Received from the churches	$117.20
Allowed for printing Minutes	50.00
Gave the Moderator	20.00
Gave the Clerk	20.00
Gave the Assistant Clerk	10.00
Gave to correspondents	17.20
Total	$117.20

(b) Brethren, sisters and friends gave the Finance Committee $139.20, which was given to visiting Elders.

7. Moved and seconded that Elk Creek Church and Pilgrim's Rest Church make satisficaion in their differences.

8. By motion agreed that the next session of the Association to be held with the Church at Peach Bottom, one mile north of Independence, Virginia, on highway 21, and to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1956.

9. By motion appointed the Clerk treasurer and sunperintend printing 900 copies of Minutes, and distribute as usual.

10. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the breth-

ren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

11. By move and second the Minutes were read and approved.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Elder S. S. Walker, correspondent from Washington Association.

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS, Moderator,
LON M. REEVES, Clerk,
ELDER C. B. KILBY, Assistant Clerk.

Thus closed another harmonious Association, wonderfully good behavior, and sweet preaching enjoyed by all lovers of truth, for which we thank God..

Elder C. B. Kilby, Assistant Clerk

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder S. G. Caudill, Rt. 3, Independence, Va.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N, C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Licentiate W. R. Hawks, Galax, Va.
Licentiate C. A. Lawson, Galax, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Zion—June 2nd Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Fox Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Crab Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Saturday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
T. R. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 45
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50

Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
J. I. Paisley, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—G. E. Kilby, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C. 20
Washington—Harmon Kiser, Cleveland, Va. 20
Roaring River—A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C. 15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie. Va. 20
Ketocton—C. W. Alderton, Box 213, Pow Wow, W. Va. 15
Ebenezer—S. O. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va. 15
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United Churches of Virginia—Ray Rotenizer, Short's Creek, Va... 15

—OBITUARIES—

DEACON D. C. CHOATE

D. C. Choate, son of Joshua and Peggy Fender Choate, was born November 26, 1870, and passed away December 12, 1954 at the age of 84 years and 16 days. He was first married to Gerzilda Rector, unto this union one child was born, who died an infant, losing his wife while still a young man he was again married to Celia Margaret Higgins who survives. Unto this happy union two sons were born, Dr. V. O. Choate, Galax, Va., and Virl Choate, Raleigh, N. C. He is also survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. P. B. Honeycutt and Miss Connie Choate, both of Raleigh, and one great grandchild.

He was a devoted husband and father and never tired of doing something for his family's welfare, a wonderful neighbor and friend to all, a useful citizen, taking an active interest in the business welfare of his beloved Grayson County. He was a firm believer in salvation by grace and with his devoted wife joined the Church at Crossroads in 1933, a few years later was ordained deacon and served his church faithfully as long as he was able to attend. He is sadly missed by family, church, and friends.

Mrs. Arza Caudell

MRS. LAURA M. SAWYERS

Mrs. Laura M. Sawyers was born in Carroll County, Virginia, October 12, 1899, and parted with this life June 3, 1955, making her stay on earth 55 years, 7 months and 23 days. She was married to C. C. Sawyers, May 12, 1920, and unto this union were born five sons: Howard, Lacy, Eldridge, Earley, Alton, 2 daughters, Eula and Mildred, all of Fries, and she also leaves 7 grandchildren to mourn her passing. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1938 and remained true to the faith until the end.

Her passing was easy—she only fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and we all hope to meet her on that beautiful shore where heartaches and parting will all be over and no suffering ever comes.

J. MERRIMAN EDWARDS AND WIFE

God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call our beloved brother, J. Merriman Edwards to his eternal home January 4, 1945. He was born in 1887 making his stay on earth about 58 years. He joined the church at Zion in August, 1903. His wife, Minnie Richardson Edwards, was born July 27, 1885, and departed this life July 31, 1955 at the age of 70 years and 4 days. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Zion June 6, 1909.

They were ordained deacon and deaconess by Zion Church in Allegheny County, N. C. the first Saturday in July, 1923. Soon after they were ordained they, with their family of eight children moved to the state of Maryland and remained there till God called them to their eternal home. They were loved by all with whom they came in contact, and enjoyed attending church listening to the theme, Saved by Grace.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus

contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of our dead bodies from the grave, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	MESSENGERS	Com. Meeting	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Ordained Minis.	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Peach Botton: Eld. Coy Walker	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Clarence Ward, John Anders, Green Ward	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	54	$ 9.25
Galax: Elds. Douglas & Sawyer	Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va.	C. C. Sawyer, C. A. Lawson, Herman Edwards	2	2	..	2	1		..	..	2	44	8.00
Little River: Elds. Kilby and Evans	G. R. Douglas Rt. 2, Sparta, N .C.	C. B. Kilby, Walter Evans, Lon M. Reeves	3	3	1	..	3	..	1	..	4	65	20.00
Saddle Creek: Elds. Evans and Walker	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps, W. V. Ward	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..		17	6.00
Crab Creek: Elds. Kilby and Douglas	Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va.	M. D. Rector, Luther Smith, C. D. Murray	4	4	..	..	..		..	..	1	50	12.00
Elk Creek: Elds. Evans and Bagley	Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C.	Arthur Gambill, Wayne Reeves, R. C. Gambill	2	2	..	..		..	..	..	2	40	7.00
Piney Creek: Eld. Edd Douglas	C. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	C. L. Hash, Myrtle Halsey, Lucy Weaver	1	1	..	..	..	..	..		..	17	5.00
Barton's Cross Roads: Eld. C. C. Sawyer	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	Olga Greer, and M. J. Cox	1	1	..	..	..	..	..		1	12	4.00
Rock Creek: Elds. Evans and Douglas	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, and Esther McBride	1	1	..	..	..		..	..	1	46	4.00
Union: Elds. Caudill, Kilby and Evans	W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C.	S. G. Caudill, W. E. Hoppers, Charlie Edwards	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	83	8.70
Fox Creek:	Lura Parks, Mouth of Wilson, Va.	Not represented											
Crossroads: Eld. Edd Douglas	J. I. Paisley, Galax, Va.	L. E. Carico, Greely Austin, J. D. Murray	3	3	..	..	..		..	..	3	80	20.00
Zion: Elds. Sparks, and Kilby	T. R. Crouse, Sparta, N. C.	T. R. Crouse, J. R. Crouse, Mart Caudill	2	2	5	..	1		2	..	2	67	13.25
Cranberry	Mrs. Bessie Critcher Laurel Springs, N. C.	Not represented											
Antioch: Elds. Caudill & Evans	C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	J. P. Absher, C. G. Fender, Arol Choate	4	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	53	10.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Peach Bottom Church

GRAYSON COUNTY, INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA
AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 1 and 2,

1956

Next session convenes with Galax Church, located in West Galax, Virginia, Grayson County, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1957.

OFFICERS

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator ..... Galax, Va.
ELDER C. B. KILBY, Ass't. Moderator - R 3 Sparta, N. C.
LON M. REEVES - Clerk ..... Sparta, N. C.

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FRIDAY MORNING, August 31, 1956.

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment and opened by song and prayer by Elder Raleigh Joines.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Walter Evans, text Luke 1:1-4.

3. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business by song and prayer by Elder H. M. Blevins, visitor from St. Clair's Bottom Association.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

5. Received and read letters from all our churches, except Fox Creek, and seated the messengers.

6. Organized by move and second that we retain our present Moderator and Clerk with Elder C. B. Kilby as Assistant Moderator this year.

7. The Moderator sent to the stand today: Elder D. P. Broadway, correspondent from Abbott's Creek Association, and Elder Ray Rotenizer.

8. It was moved and seconded our correspondents that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations report, and to excuse those that failed.

9. On motion, called for correspondents and seated the following:

Abbott's Creek: Elder D. P. Broadway, Brethren C. R. Helms, C. A. Livengood.

Roaring River: Brethren C. E. Estep and J. T. Choate.

Senter: Elder Edd Davis.

Fisher's River: Elder J. G. Fulk.

Indian Creek: Elders Lowell Lillie and C. B. D. Taylor.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. N. Tilson, Brethren Lenn Tuttle and R. C. Price.

Washington: Elders A. R. Singleton and Raleigh Compton.

10. Called for visitors. The following came forward and were seated:

Abbott's Creek: Brethren Arthur Perkins and R. C. Perkins and wife, H. C. Lee and wife, L. M. Helms and wife, Sister C. R. Helms,

Roaring River: Brother and Sister Clarence Hall, Elder and Sister K. A. Anderson, Brother J. F. Coffey, Sister Ruth Coffey, Elder C. D. Hall and wife, Elder W. Walker and Brother C. F. Francis.

Senter: Brother Hiram Bare.

Fisher's River: Brethren P. L. Hawks, E. L. Hunter.

Indian Creek: Brother W. A. Davidson and wife, Sister Mary Poff, Brother Posey Bowers, Brother Emmett Sturgill and wife, Brother Fred Lester, Sister Ollie Taylor, Sister Sarah Kennedy, Sister Virgie Lillie, Sister Sallie Lillie, Sister Charlotte Lillie, Brother Elbert Morgan and wife, Sister Bertha Mann, Brother Donald Boone and wife.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Hugh Blevins, Sister R. C. Price and Brother Bernie Heath.

Washington: Brother M. F. Cox.

Green Ford Church: Elder O. S. Young.

Cleveland Church: Elder M. M. Denning.

Pine Grove Church: Elder Ray Rotenizer, Brethren M. J. Jennings, L. H. Shockley.

Liberty Hill Church: Brethren J. F. Goad and Richard Bond.

Reed Island Church: Elder J. T. Spence.

Pine View Church: Brother E. C. Thompson.

11. Received Minutes from the following corresponding Associations: Mates Creek, Indian Creek, St. Clair's Bottom, Union of Kentucky, Ketocton, Abbott's Creek, Roaring River, Fisher's River, Washington, Senter, and Ebenezer.

12. By motion authorized the Moderator to make all appointments for this session.

13. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of the following brethren: Claude McBride, Mack D. Rector, M. A. Jenkins.

14. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following brethren: Lonnie Carico, C. G. Fender, John Watson.

15. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the following: Elders S. G. Caudill, Walter Evans, C. C. Sawyer, and Brethren Guy Phipps and H. R. Edwards, with Moderator and Clerk.

16. Appointed a Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations and the following were appointed: Brethren G. R. Douglas, Greeley Austin and Clarence Ward.

17. Appointed the following Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes: Brethren Wright Ward and Mart Caudill.

18. On motion adjourned until 10:00 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder Ray Rotenizer.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 1, 1956.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by song and prayer by Elder Edd Davis, correspondent from Senter Association.

2. By motion called roll of messengers, marked off those absent.

3. By motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they reported the following, and were dismissed:

(a) Notice about seating independent churches in the Association.

(b) Notice of the standing of Elders Coy Roberts and Steve Roberts.

(c) Consider Article No. 7 in our last year's Minutes.

(d) Obituaries of Sister Maxie Kilby and Brother Arza Caudill be printed in these Minutes.

(e) Association to be held with Galax Church next session.

(f) General routine of business.

4. Called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments, and the Committee was discharged:

Indian Creek: Elders C. C. Sawyer, Walter Evans, Brother Raymond Nichols and Brother Mark Jenkins.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Walter Evans, Elder Raleigh Joines, Brethren G. R. Douglas, Willie Joines, J. H. Stamper, and Lonnie Carico.

Roaring River: Elder Walter Evans, Brethren C. G. Fender, C. D. Murray, J. H. Stamper, G. R. Douglas.

Abbott's Creek: Elder Edd Douglas, Brethren J. H. Stamper and Lon M. Reeves.

Senter: Elder C. B. Kilby, Brother Raymond Nichols, Brother J. H. Stamper, and Brother J. I. Paisley.

Washington: Elder Walter Evans, Brother Mart Jenkins.

Fisher's River: Elders C. C. Sawyer, Walter Evans, Brethren C. D. Murray and Greeley Austin.

5. On motion called on Committee on Finance to report, and they reported the following, and were dismissed:

(a) Reveived from the churches ..... $140.05.

Allowed for printing Minutes	50.00	
Gave the Moderator	20.00	
Gave the Clerk	15.00	
Gave the Assistant Moderator	10.00	
Gave the correspondents	45.05	$140.05

(b) Brethren, sisters and friends gave the Finance Committee $100.54, which was given to visiting Elders.

6. Called on Committee on Preaching. The following Elders were appointed, and the Committee discharged:

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

1. Elder D. P. Broadway, Rev. 8:1.
2. Elder Ray Rotenizer, Job 28:28.

Friday Night at Saddle Creek:

1. Elder W. W. Denning, 1 Cor. 7:14.
2. Elder Lowell Lillie, Rom. 8:28.

Saturday Morning:

1. Elder O. S. Young, 2 Cor. 4:11.
2. Elder C. N. Tilson, Psa. 48:12.
3. Elder H. M. Blevins, 1 Pet. 1:23.

Saturday Afternoon:

1. Elder Raleigh Compton 1 John.
2. Elder C. B. D. Taylor, no special text.
3. Elder W. Walker, Matt. 6:30.

Saturday Night at Cross Roads:

1. Elder Hugh M. Blevins.
2. Elder Raleigh Compton.

Saturday Night at Little River:

1. Elder Lowell Lillie.

Sunday Morning:

Elder Ray Rotenizer, open with song and prayer.

1. Elder Lowell Lillie, failed to get text.
2. Elder Edd Davis, "God who is rich in mercy," etc.
3. Elder A. R. Singleton, no special text.

Sunday Afternoon:

1. Elder J. G. Fulk, Isa. 9:6.
2. Elder C. D. Hall, 2 Pet. 1:10.

Elder S. G. Caudill, closed.

7. Moved and seconded that obituaries of Sister Maxie Kilby and Brother Arza Caudill be printed in these Minutes.

8. Moved and seconded that the next session of the Association be held with the Church at Galax, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1957.

9. Moved and seconded that our churches report by letter to the Association next year concerning seating independent churches.

10. By move and second we declare Elder S. P. Roberts in disorder for violating the law and order of God's house and going on in protest against the labor and counsel of many brethren. We have, therefore withdrawn fellowship from him and his followers. Also, Elder Coy Roberts stands excluded from our body.

11. By move and second we accept the report given by Elk Creek Church and Pilgrim's Rest Church as to the settlement of their differences.

12. By motion appointed the Clerk treasurer and superintend printing of 900 copies of these Minutes, and distribute as usual.

13. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

14. By move and second the Minutes were read and approved.

15. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk, correspondent from Fisher's River Association.

ELDER C. B. KILBY, Assistant Moderator,
LON M. REEVES, Clerk.

Thus closed another session of the Mountain Association in peace. The preaching was of a unit. A large congregation was attentive, for which we feel thankful.

—CLERK

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Zion—June 2nd Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Fox Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Crab Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Saturday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
Pilgrims Rest—June 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder S. G. Caudill, Rt. 3, Independence, Va.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N, C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Elder Raleigh Joines, Rt. 1, Whitehead, N. C.
Licentiate C. A. Lawson, Galax, Va.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
T. R. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 45
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
J. I. Paisley, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20
A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va. 15

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—G. E. Kilby, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C. 15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie. Va. 20
Ketocton—Elder C. R. Frazier, Warrenton, Va. 20
Ebenezer—W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va. 15
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United Churches of Virginia—Ray Rotenizer, Short's Creek, Va... 15

—OBITUARIES—

MRS. MAXIE KOONTZ KILBY

Maxie Lee, daughter of John and Cornelia Koontz, was born November 10, 1882, died July 16, 1956, age 73 years, 8 months and 6 days.

She was married to C. B. Kilby on December 27, 1905. To this happy union were born three sons and two daughters. One daughter Alma, died at the age of 21 months. Surviving are: Mrs. Ilene Caudill, Carver, Delmas and Glai Kilby. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Sally McConnell, and Mrs. Georgia Deberry, and two brothers, Preston and W. M. Koontz, and many, many friends and relatives.

Just one month before her marriage she united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Senter and was baptized by Elder D. Smith Webb and Elder Troy Kilby. They moved to Sparta in 1925 and a little later she joined Little River Primitive Baptist Church by letter and remained a loyal faithful member until death came.

Words fail us when we attempt to tell of her love and devotion to her church, her family and her friends. Her very life was centered in and around her church and in its well-being she was always vitally interested. Her home was a home for Primitive Baptists and her seat was never vacant at church unless providentially hindered.

She dearly loved the theme of salvation by the grace of God and her faith and confidence in the Redeemer seemed to me far above the average. Daily it was portrayed in her life, and truly it can be said she was the wife of an Elder. As far as it was humanly possible, we think she met the requirements laid down in the good Book.

To know Sister Kilby was to love her, her pleasant smiling face and her sweet personality made her hundreds of friends. Such a life does not die, in the heart of her friends and church she will be remembered many days hence.

We are fully persuaded that she is now basking in the sunlight of God's love, waiting the resurrection of the body.

To the family we would say, may the Lord whom she loved so devotedly comfort you and bless you, and to the church, we are satisfied your loss is her gain.

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ARZA L. CAUDILL

Arza Lincoln Caudill, son of David C., and Wada Joines Caudill, was born August 16, 1884, and passed away September 25, 1955, making his stay upon earth 71 years, one month and nine days.

Among the many who are left to mourn his passing are his wife, Hattie Richardson Caudill; three children, Mrs. Howard Austin, Keith and Clay Caudill, all of Galax; two grandsons; one sister, Tena Whitehead, of Trinidad, Colorado, and one brother, Richard A. Caudill, of Liberty, Kentucky.

Arza professed faith in Christ when he was a young man, and on April 15, 1922, joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood, where he remained a loyal and faithful member for the remainder of his life.

In the year 1950 he was ordained as deacon in his church, and in that capacity served until death.

His church has lost a loyal and devoted member; his family, a kind

and loving husband and father, and the community a good neighbor in the truest sense of the word.

The following poem may well express the sentiment of the departed:

"I leave it all with Jesus, and go at His command,
And daily do I ask Him to hold my trembling hand.
Whatever may betide me—be joy or silent groan,
He's promised to go with me, I will not be alone."
"Dear Jesus, precious Master, when I come down to death,
My pulse shall cease its throbbing,
And still my fleeting breath.
Then burst my prison fetters, and take me to thy breast,
And grant me what I've longed for—sweet, everlasting rest."

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by

the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of our dead bodies from the grave, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Liccentiates	Sat of Meeting	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Ordained Mins.	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Galax: Elds. Douglas & Sawyer ..	Miss Delphia Shockley, Rt. 2 Box 44, Galax, Va.	W. R. Hawks, C. C. Sawyer, Herman Edwards	..	2	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	42	$8.00
Little River: Elds. Kilby and Evans	G. R. Douglas Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. ...	Lon M. Reeves, G. R. Douglas, Walter Evans	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	61	23.00
Saddle Creek: Elds. Evans and Walker ...	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	M. A. Jenkins, W. V. Ward, Guy Phipps	..	4	1	3	1	..	..	..	1	19	7.00
Crab Creek: Elds. Kilby and Douglas ...	Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va.	M. D. Rector, C. A. Lawson, Lester Greene	1	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	42	14.00
Elk Creek: Eld. Walter Evans .	Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. ..	Willie Joines, R. C. Gambill, Earl Farmer	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	38	10.00
Piney Creek: Eld. Edd Douglas	C. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. ..	C. L. Hash, Lucy Weaver, Lelia Halsey	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	5.00
Barton's Cross Roads: Eld. C. C. Sawyer ..	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	C. P. Greer, Olga Greer, M. J. Cox	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	5.00
Rock Creek: Elds. Evans and Douglas ..	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, Paul Hash, J. B. Rector	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	4.00
Union: Elds. Caudill, Kilby and Evans	W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C.	S. G. Caudill, W. E. Hoppers, Raleigh Joines	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	84	5.50
Crossroads: Eld. R. E. Douglas ..	Raymond Nichols, Galax, Va.	L. E. Carico, Greeley Austin, R. Nichols	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	79	20.00
Zion: Elds. Kilby, Joines Sparks, Caudill	T. R. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. ...	R. G. Cox, J. R. Crouse, Mart Caudill	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	67	12.00
Cranberry Eld. Walter Evans ..	Mrs. Bessie Critcher Laurel Springs, N. C. .	By Letter	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2.00
Antioch: Elds. Caudill & Evans	C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. ...	J. P. Absher, C. G. Fender, John Watson	..	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	56	10.00
Pilgrims' Rest: Eld. G. C. Roberts ..	A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va.	A. G. Hackler, Faye Hackler, Mary Catron	..	4	..	..	1	..	2	7	..	8	5.00
Peach Botton: Eld. Coy Walker	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Lonnie Hamm, Greene Ward	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	53	9.55

Minutes

OF THE

159th

Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Galax Church

GRAYSON COUNTY, GALAX, VIRGINIA

AUGUST 30, 31, SEPT. 1,

1957

Next session convenes with Little River Church, located in Sparta, North Carolina, Friday before the first Sunday September, 1958.

— Officers —

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator..... Galax, Va.
LON M. REEVES - Clerk ..... Sparta, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH GALAX CHURCH, GALAX, VIRGINIA, AUGUST 30, 31, SEPTEMBER 1, 1957.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 30, 1957.

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment and opened by song and prayer by Elder Edd Davis, correspondent from Senter Association.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas, text, 1 Cor. 10:3.

3. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business by song and prayer by Elder J. M. Whaling, visitor from New Liberty Association.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

5. Received and read letters from all our churches, except Cranberry, and seated their messengers.

6. Organized by move and second that Moderator and Clerk be elected by private ballot. Elder Edd Douglas was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves was elected Clerk.

7. By move and second our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were asked to report and excused those that failed.

8. On motion, called for correspondents and seated the following:
Roaring River: Brethren J. T. Choate and Troy Miller.
Senter: Elder Edd Davis.

Fishers River: Elder J. G. Fulk and Brother T. M. Simpson.
Indian Creek: Elders Owen D. Harvey and H. W. Morgan.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder H. M. Blevins and Brethren F. O. Sanders and Paul Sanders.

Washington: Elders M. M. Edwards and Raleigh Compton.

By motion and second Abbott's Creek referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Called for visitors, and the following came forward and were seated:

Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall, Brethren Clarence Hall and J. F. Coffey.

Fishers River: Elder H. B. Thomas, Elder George Berrier, and wife, Brethren W. E. Thomas, P. L. Hawks, O. W. Sisk, R. L. Nelson and wife and Lenn Hunter.

Indian Creek: Bro. Henry Mann and wife, Bro. Leonard Mann, Bro. Harry Morgan and wife, Bro. Alfred Wills and wife, Bro. Webster Morgan and wife, Bro. W. A. Davidson and wife, Sister Lola Morgan, Bro. Ray Morgan and wife, Sister H. W. Morgan, Sister Charlotte Lilly, Elder Henry Smith and wife, Sister Owen Harvey, Bro. Elbert Morgan and others.

Washington: Elder A. R. Singleton, Eld. S. S. Walker and Bro. T. C. Compton.

New Liberty: Elder J. M. Whaling.

10. Recevied Minutes from the following corresponding Associa-

tions: Mates Creek, Indian Creek, St. Clair's Bottom, Ketocton, Abbott's Creek, Roaring River, Fishers River, Washington, Senter, Union and Ebenezer.

11. By motion authorized the Moderator to make all appointments for this session.

12. Appointed a Committee on Preaching consisting of the following brethren: Guy Phipps, G. R. Douglas, John Watson with messengers from Galax Church.

13. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following brethren: Claude McBride, R. G. Cox, Wayne Reeves.

14. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the following brethren: Eld. Raleigh Joines, Eld. C. C. Sawyer, Bro. J. H. Stamper, Greel Austin, Mart Jenkins, with Moderator and Clerk.

15. Appointed committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations and the following were appointed: Bro. Garnett Bolt, Eld. Coy Roberts and Bro. Albert Richardson.

16. Appointed the following Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes: Brethren Charlie Greer, Green Ward and A. J. Reeves.

17. The Moderator sent to the stand today: Elders M. M. Edwards, Elder J. M. Whaling, text, Acts 15:18.

18. By motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:00. Prayer by Eld. Walter Evans.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 31, 1957.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by song and prayer by Elder C. B. Kilby.

2. By motion called roll of messengers, marked off those absent.

3. By motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they reported the following, and were dismissed:

(a) That we reccommend to the Association that we refrain from seating Abbott's Creek Association at this session.

(b) That we print in our Minutes the obituary of any member of our churches and that their relatives bear the expense of printing and they are to be in a condensed form. The Elders and their wives and the Deacons and their wives obituaries will be printed as usual.

(c) We, the Mountain Association, disapprove of seating independents churches in our body inasmuch as it is Associations corresponding with Associations. This is not a declaration of non-fellowship, but we extend a hearty welcome to all peace-loving and orderly Baptists as visitors among us..

(d) The next session of the Association convenes with Little River Church in Sparta, N. C., Alleghany County, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1958, and Saturday and Sunday following.

(e) Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith Constitution be printed in our Minutes.

(f) That we leave the matter of Eld. Coy Roberts to Pilgrims Rest Church.

(g) Committee of Arrangements go back to old custom of sitting at some home for deliberations.

(h) That our churches refrain from granting letter only for convenience.

(i) That Number 10 item in Articles of Faith be printed as follows: We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Matt. 25:46, 1 Thess. 1:9.

(j) Usual number of Minutes be printed and distributed as usual.

By move and second the work of the Committee on Arrangements was approved by the Association.

4. Called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments, and the Committee was discharged:

Washington: Elder Edd Douglas, Bro. J. H. Stamper, Bro. Raymond Nichols and Bro. A. J. Reeves.

Senter: Eld. C. B. Kilby, Bro. Lon M. Reeves, Bro. C. D. Murray and Elder K. A. Anderson.

St Clair's Bottom: Eld. C. B. Kilby, Eld. Edd Douglas, Eld. A. C. Walker and Elder J. C. Sparks.

Roaring River: Eld. Walter Evans, Eld. Raleigh Joines, Bro. J. H. Stamper and Bro. Murray.

Fishers River: Eld. Walter Evans, Bro. J. H. Stamper and Bro. Greely Austin.

Indian Creek: Eld. C. B. Kilby, Eld. C. C. Sawyer, Bro. C. S. McBride and Brother M. A. Jenkins.

5 On motion called on Committee on Finance to report, and they reported the following, and were dismissed:

(a) Received from the churches		$154.95
Allowed for printing Minutes	60.00	
Allowed Moderator	20.00	
Allowed Clerk	20.00	
Gave to the correspondents	$54.95	$154.95

(b) Brethren, sisters and friends gave the Finance Committee $132.31 which was given to the visiting Elders.

6. Called on Committee on Preaching. The following Elders were appointed, and the Committee discharged:

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Morning:

To introduce at stand, Elder S. S. Walker.
1. Eld. H. M. Blevins, text St. John 14:7.
2. Eld. H. W. Morgan, James 1:17

Friday Night at Galax Church:

1. Eld. Henry Smith.
2. Eld. Owen D. Harvey

Saturday Afternoon:

1. Eld. A. R. Singleton, Mark 13:33.
2. Eld. C. D. Hall, text, 2 Pet. 1:10.

Closed by Eld. J. G. Fulk.

Saturday Night at Galax Church:

1. Eld. C. B. D. Taylor
2. Eld. S. S. Walker

Sunday Morning:

Opened by Eld. French Cadle
1. Eld. Raleigh Compton, Josh. 14:15.
2. Eld. J. G. Fulk, text 189 Psa. 15.

Sunday Afternoon:

1. Eld. A. D. Pitney, 2 Tim. 4:16, Rev. 11:1, Heb. 8:10.
2. Eld. Edd Davis, Heb. 8:10.

Closed by Eld A. L. Neely.

7. By motion appointed the Clerk treasurer to superintend printing of 900 copies of these minutes and distribute as usual.

8. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

9. By move and second the Minutes were read and approved.

10. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Eld. C. D. Hall.

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS, Moderator
Lon M. Reeves, Clerk

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder S. G. Caudill, Rt. 3, Independence, Va.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N, C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Elder Raleigh Joines, Rt. 1, Whitehead, N. C.
Licentiate C. A. Lawson, Galax, Va.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
T. R. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 65
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
J. I. Paisley, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20
A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va. 15

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—G. E. Kilby, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—O. W. Sisk, King, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C. 15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie. Va. 20

Ketocton—K. F. Bobzien, 1907 Alta Vista Dr., Alexandria, Va. .. 20
Ebenezer—W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va. 15
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United Churches of Virginia—Ray Rotenizer, Short's Creek, Va... 15

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Zion—June 2nd Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Fox Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Crab Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Saturday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
Pilgrims Rest—June 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

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— OBITUARIES —

Lonnie E. Carico

Lonnie E. Carico, son of Frank and Mary Gordon Carico, was born October 13, 1899, and passed away in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, March 3, 1957, making his earthly pilgrimage 57 years, 4 months and 18 days.

On December 24, 1921, he was united in marriage to Cora Louella Nichols, daughter of Elder Hiram Nichols, a well known Baptist minister of Alleghaney and Grayson Counties. Lonnie and Cora lived a happy and congenial life together for more than 35 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, as follows: Mrs. Elmo Vaughan, Pearisburg, Va.; Mrs. Ray Wilson, Baywood, Va.; and Edward Carico, of Galax, Va.; four grandchildren, and one step-granddaughter, also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Earl Weatherman, Galax, Va.; Mrs. Luther Hutchens, Yadkinville, N. C.; Mrs. Floyd Jones, Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. Tom Glasco, Galax, Va.; Mrs. Paul Rinchardson, Hesperia, Mich.; Dewey Carico and Ben Carico, Galax, Va, and Claude Carico, Roanoke, Va.

Lonnie, together with his wife, united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood, September 23, 1927, was baptized by Elder C. B. Kilby, and on June 18, 1951, was ordained deacon in the church, filling this office faithfully and attentively the remainder of his days, attending both days of his last Church Meeting.

Lonnie had been afflicted for several years but bore his afflictions cheerfully and patiently until the last.

He was a good husband, a loving father, always interested in the well-being of his children and grandchildren, a useful citizen and a good neighbor. He will be missed in his church, in his home, and in his community.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God recalls His own,
And bids them leave this world of woe
For an immortal crown.

Is not even death a gain to those
Whose lives to God were given?
Gladly to earth their eyes they close
To open them in Heaven.

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S. C. Richardson

Starling Columbus (better known as Lummie Richardson) son of Calloway and Cynthia Edwards Richardson, was born May 8, 1873 slipped quietly away February 25, 1957, aged 83 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He was married to Cornelia Reynolds October 27, 1892. They were blessed to live happily together for a long time and in October, 1956 they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. To this union were born twelve children, three daughters, Clara, Bessie and Beulah preceded him in death by several years. Those surviving are: Glenn, Odell Wayne and Woodrow of Boone, N. C., Arzie of Independence, Va., Albert of Sparta, and three daughters: Mrs. Zora Irwin and Mrs. Maude Andrews of Sparta, and Mrs. Ruby Choate of Wilkesboro. One sister, Mrs. Mallie Joines and one brother, Isaac Richardson. Eighteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, many relatives and an unusually large number of friends.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch in early manhood and about thirty years ago he was ordained a deacon and remained a faithful, conscientious, interested member until death. He tried and did to the best of his ability, fulfill the office of deacon of his church. Not long ago he remarked to his wife that he would be glad when he could go to Antioch to stay.

In 1910 he was elected sheriff of Alleghaney County and held the office two terms. Genial, kind and a warm friend to everyone,especially to those in need, Sheriff Richardson was probably as well known and liked as any resident in the County. He was a life-long farmer and for many years a merchant in Sparta.

For many years he had been a great sufferer; he had all the medical attention and care humanly possible, but to no avail. He spent the last three months of his life in Alleghany County Memorial Hospital. He as always pleasant and welcomed his many friends kindly. He seemed to take all his suffering with a smile and bore it all so patiently never murmuring about his lot.

We feel that Brother Lummie's passing is only a happy exchange for him.

To his devoted wife who has cared so tenderly for him, and to his grieved sons and daughters, may the God he trusted comfort you in these trying hours.

Written by request, Mrs. Lon M. Reeves

Cabell M. Wilson

In the early morning hours of February 19, 1956, the earthly suffering of our beloved brother, Cabell M. Wilson, mercifully came to a close as he passed from this life to life eternal. Born November 21, 1883, the son of Curren and Isabelle Galyen Wilson. He was married to Verdie B. Edwards October 8, 1911, and to this union was born one son, Emerson E. Wilson, of the home. He is also survived by five sisters, Delia Lowe, Bessie Choate, Bitha Galyen, Sina Graham and Sara Hawks. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Crossroads in early manhood and was baptized by Elder Smith Webb. His wife joined at Zion Church and was also baptized by Elder Webb in July, 1903. Brother Wilson later moved his membership to Zion Church by letter the second Sunday in April, 1915 where he remained a faithful member, true to the Primitive Baptist faith, a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God. He served as clerk for years until he and his dear companion were ordained as deacon and deaconness to Zion Church the first Saturday in July, 1923. His companion preceded him in death by four years and a few months. Brother Wilson will be sadly missed by the church, family, friends and neighbors. We don't feel he is dead, but fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to await the resurrection morning when the body will be raised a spiritual body, fashioned in the likeness of Jesus. He was a tender, loving husband, kind father and never tired of working for his family's welfare. He was a wonderful neighbor and helped out in sickness and in their many other needs.

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Levia Higgins Smith

Levia Higgins Smith, daughter of the late Bud and Margaret Higgins, was born February 6, 1898, departed this life April 24, 1957, at the age of 59 years. She was married to Luther Smith on March 3, 1912. To this union was born six children, one daughter and five sons, all surviving: Mrs. Clifford Rector, Glen, Kyle, Dean, Don and Dwayne Smith, all of Ennice, N. C. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Crab Creek the fourth Saturday in September, 1946 and was baptized with her husband one month later at the October meeting. She, together with her husband, was ordained Deaconess the fourth Saturday in May, 1948. She fulfilled her duties willingly. She was ill six months. She bore her afflictions with much patience. All was done for her that could be done by the hospital, medical aid, husband, children and friends, but none could stay the hand of death. She always attended her church meetings and after she became ill she was blessed to come to the new church building four times, for which we were all very thankful. The church has lost a faithful and devoted member and the community a good friend and neighbor. She leaves a lonely husband, children, grandchildren and many relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Funeral services were conducted at Crab Creek Church by Elders Douglas and Kilby. Her body was laid to rest under the beautiful flowers from the many years of toil to await the resurrection morning when it will be raised a spiritual body and fashioned in the likeness of Jesus.

Written by Mrs. Mack D. Rector

Flora B. Anderson

Flora Belle Halsey, daughter of the late Joseph M. and Caroline Halsey, was born August 12, 1889 and died May 6, 1955, the span of life lasting 65 years, 8 months and 14 days.

She was married to Staley E. Anderson March 14, 1913. This home was blessed with four sons and four daughters, of which six are living. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized August 29, 1915, at Williamson, West Virginia, later moving her membership to Barton's Cross Roads, where she remained a faithful member. Her sympathy for the sick, her interest in the affairs of her church portrayed her true character. She was proud of her children and their welfare was her greatest concern. Her life was one of diligent labor and sacrifice for her family and loving concern for her neighbors. She will be missed among us. Mother Anderson had a great love for the word of God. She has read the New Testament through 32 times, according to the record she kept. She also read the Old Testament through several times and enjoyed talking about the teachings of the scriptures. Her conversations were strengthened by quotations of favorite verses. She taught her children to read and study the Bible at an early age.

Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necess-

ary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.
9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances. and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing

during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	CHURCHES AND PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Licentiates	Sat. of Meeting	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Ordained minis.	Restored	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Little River: Elds. Kilby and Evans	G. R. Douglas Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. ...	G. R. Douglas, A. J. Reeves, Albert Richardson		3	3	1	3	..	1	..	..	64	21.00
Sadd'e Creek: Elds. Evans and Walker ...	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	J. H. Stamper, M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps		4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	18	7.00
Crab Creek: Elds. Kilby and Douglas ...	Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va.	M. D. Rector, M. J. Carr, C. D. Murray		4	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	40	17.50
Elk Creek: Elds. Evans and Joines ...	Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. ..	R. C. Gambill, Wayne Reeves, Willie Joines		2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	38	7.00
Piney Creek: Eld. Edd Douglas	C. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. ..	C. L. Hash, Mirtie Halsey, Lucy Weaver		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	5.50
Barton's Cross Roads: Eld. C. C. Sawyer ..	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	Charles P. Greer, Olga Greer		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	5.00
Rock Creek: Elds. Evans and Douglas ..	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, Paul Hash		1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	45	6.00
Union: Elds. Caudill, Kilby, Evans, Joines .	W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C.	Charlie Edwards, Raleigh Joines, Robert Cleary		1	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	81	7.45
Crossroads: Eld. R. E. Douglas ..	Raymond Nichols, Galax, Va.	C. A. Lawson, Greely Austin, Raymond Nichols	1	3	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	80	20.00
Zion: Elds. Kilby, Joines Sparks, Caudill	John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. ...	R. G. Cox, C. E. Estep, K. A. Anderson		2	..	4	2	..	2	..	1	68	16.00
Antioch: Elds. Evans Joines and Caudill ...	C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. ..	J. A. Watson, J. P. Absher, J. L. Irwin		4	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	56	14.00
Pilgrims' Rest: Eld. G. C. Roberts ..	A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va.	Coy Roberts, Faye Hackler		4	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	8	5.00
Peach Botton: Eld. Coy Walker	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Lonnie Hamm, Green Ward		2	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	56	13.50
Galax: Elds. Douglas & Sawyer ..	Delphia A. Shockley Rt. 2 Box 44, Galax, Va.	C. C. Sawyer, Fred Hawks, Herman Edwards	1	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	1	41	10.00
Cranberry Not represented	.....	.....											

Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Sixtieth

Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Little River Church

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 5, 6, and 7,

1958

Next session convenes with Saddle Creek Church located three miles west of Independence, Virginia, Grayson Co., on highway No. 58, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1959.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator, Galax, Virginia

LON M. M. REEVES - Clerk, Sparta, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH LITTLE RIVER CHURCH,

Sparta, North Carolina,

September 5, 6, and 7, 1958.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 5,1958.

1. The Assoiation met according to last year's appointment and opened with song 103 in Goble, and prayer by Elder Walter Evans.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas, text: "Speak thou the things that become sound doctrine."

3. After intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business by song 256 in Goble, and prayer by Elder F. P. Stone, correspondent from Fisher's River.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

5. Called for, received and read letters from all our churches except Fox Creek, and seated their messengers.

6. Organized by move and second that Moderator and Clerk be elected by private ballot. Moderator called for Elders Eddie Martin, Joel Simmons and F. P. Stone to take vote. Elder Edd Douglas was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves was elected Clerk.

7. By move and second our corresponents were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were asked to report. Reports were made and those who failed were excused.

8. By motion, called for correspondents and seated the following from sister Associations:

Fisher's River: O. V. Venable, Elders F. P. Stone and H. B. Thomas.

Washington: Elders Lester Barker and Raleigh Compton.

Indian Creek: Elder Lowell Lilly.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Fielden Sanders, John Sanders and G. E. Adams.

Senter: B. O. Dollinger.

Roaring River: None.

Moved and seconded that we take up correspondence with United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia.

Moved and seconded that we take up correspondence with Piney Grove Association. Elders R. L. Rogers, M. H. Vaden and Joel Simmons, and S. O. Shelton were correspondents.

9. Called for visitors from sister Associations and the following came forward and were seated.

Indian Creek: Sister Lowel Lilly, Webster Morgan and wife, Ray Morgan and wife, Marvin Morgan and wife, Elbert Morgan and wife, Ira Mann, Lola Morgan, Luther Easter and wife, and Mamie Barker.

St. Clair's Bottom: Sister C. R. Dancy, Delmer and Bernie Heath.

Senter: Brother and Sister Gaither Kilby, Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Edd Davis, Margaret Cockerham, and Hiram Bare.

Roaring River: Brother and Sister Clarence Hall, Brother J. F. Coffey, Elder Charlie Hall, John D. Hall.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia: J. W. Horton, I. E. Jennings, E. C. Thompson, Elder B. E. Ogle, Richard L. Bond, Sister L. E. Myers, Sister W. R. White, Paul Bowman, and others.

Fisher's River: Sister Etta Dameron, Eula Brinegar, H. J. Hill, Elder J. G. Fulk, and Elder J. L. Williams.

Piney Grove: Henry Shelor, Elder Eddie Martin and Elder B. L. Tucker.

Washington: None.

10. Received Minutes from the following corresponding Associations: Abbott's Creek, Indian Creek, Ebenezer, Piney Grove, Ketocton, St. Clair's Bottom, Senter, Union, Roaring River, Washington, and United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia.

11. By move and second Moderator authorized to make all Committee appointments for this session.

12. Appointed a Committee on Preaching, consisting of the following brethren: Fred Hawks, M. D. Rector, Guy Phipps, and messengers from Little River Church.

13. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of the following brethren: C. S. McBride, C. G. Fender, and Clarence Ward.

14. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the following brethren: Elder Walter Evans, Elder Raleigh Joines, Elder C. B. Kilby, J. I. Paisley, and C. A. Lawson, with the Moderator and Clerk. The Committee will sit for deliberation at the home of Brother Lon M. Reeves.

15. Appointed Committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations and the following were appointed: Brethren Arthur Gambill, John Watson, A. G. Hackler, and Garnett Bolt.

16. Appointed the following Committee to distribute corresponding Minutes: Brethren John Murray and Mart Jenkins.

17. After the business session closed on Friday, Elders Eddie Martin, M. H. Vaden and F. P. Stone were called to preach in the church house.

18. By motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder C. C. Sawyer.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 6, 1958.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, was opened for business by song 255 in Goble and prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk, visitor from Fisher's River Association.

2. By motion, called roll of messengers, marked off those absent.

3. On motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they reported the following and were discharged:

(a) Committee on Arrangements recommends to Association by move and second that obituaries of any member of our Association upon request of their church be printed in our Minutes in condensed form, and that the following obituaries be printed: Burton Pedry Shockley, Elizabeth Billings Cleary, William Thomas Rector, Margaret Ann Edwards, Elder Shade G. Caudill, John M. Ward, and Lou Annie Atwood Williams.

(b) Fox Creek Church was mentioned to Association as it has not been represented at the Association for a number of years. It was moved and seconded that we carry Fox Creek Church on Minutes as not represented.

(c) Mentioned our correspondence by Minutes with sister Associations with whom we correspond, directly or indirectly. Move and second that we drop correspondence by Minutes with Ketocton and Ebenezer Associations, as they affiliate with Associations which we do not fellowship.

(d) That general routine of business be taken up as usual.

(e) By move and second the Association accepted the work of the Committee on Arrangements.

4. Called on Committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Associations to report. They reported the following assignments and Committee discharged.
Committee discharged:

Washington: Elder Walter Evans, Brothers Lon M. Reeves, C. S. McBride, and J. H. Stamper.

Roaring River: Elder Edd Douglas, C. C. Sawyer, Brethren Lon M. Reeves, J. H. Stamper, and C. D. Murray.

Fisher's River: Elder Walter Evans, Elder C. B. Kilby, and Brother J. H. Stamper.

Indian Creek: Elder Walter Evans, Brethren Lon M. Reeves, and M. A. Jenkins.

Piney Grove: Brother J. H. Stamper, Elders Edd Douglas and Walter Evans.

United Primitive Baptist: Elders C. C. Sawyer, Raleigh Joines and C. B. Kilby.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elders C. C. Sawyer, Walter Evans, A. C. Walker, and Brother J. H. Stamper.

Senter: Elders Edd Douglas, A. C. Walker, Brethren J. I. Paisley and Raymond Nichols.

5. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported the following, and were discharged:

(a) Received from the churches	$158.40	
Allowed for printing Minutes	60.00	
Allowed Moderator	20.00	
Allowed Clerk	20.00	
Gave to correspondents	58.40	$158.40

(b) Brethren, sisters and friends donated $220.52 which was distributed to visiting Elders.

6. Called on Committee on Preaching to report. The following Elders were appointed and the Committee discharged:

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Afternoon in the Church:

1. Elder Eddie Martin, text Luke 15:12.
2. Elder M. H. Vaden, failed to get text.
3. Elder F. P. Stone, Acts 8:32.

Friday Night at Little River Church:

1. Elder Joel Simmons, Isa. 9:6.
2. Elder R. L. Rogers, 1 John 3:4.

Saturday Morning in the Auditorium:

1. Elder Lowell Lilly, Rom. 8:28.
2. Elder S. S. Walker, Luke 24:4-6.
3. Elder B. L. Tucker, Eph. 2:1.

Saturday Afternoon in the Auditorium:

1. Elder C. D. Hall, no special text.
2. Elder Lester Barker, no special text.
3. Elder Raleigh Compton, Josh. 24:15.

Elder Coy Walker closed.

Saturday Night at Little River Church:

Elder Lowell Lilly, opened services.

1. Elder J. L. Williams, no special text.
2. Elder Raleigh Compton, Matt. 8:20.
3. Elder Lester Barker, no special text.

Sunday Morning in the Auditorium:

Opened by Elder Fielden O. Sanders, Hymn 270 in Goble.

1. Elder Dewey Roten, Luke 12:32..
2. Elder Edd Davis, Acts 7:34.
3. Elder R. L. Rogers, Heb. 4:12.
4. Elder J. G. Fulk, no special text.

Remarks by Elder Edd Douglas and closed by Elder C. N. Tilson, Hymn 216 in Goble.

7. By move and second appointed Clerk treasurer and superintend the printing of 900 copies of these Minutes and distribute as usual.

8. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this Association. Also that we extend our appreciation to the County Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools and officials of Sparta High School for use of their buildings during this session.

9. Moved and seconded that the next session be held with Saddle Creek Church to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1959.

10. By move and second the Minutes were read and approved.

11. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by Elder V. E. Ogle.

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS, Moderater
LON M. REEVES, Clerk

This closed the 160th session of the Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association with a large congregation each day; and the preaching was of unity, telling the marvelous work of God toward His people and the experiene of Gods children.

The Clerk

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Raleigh Joines, Rt. 1, Whitehead, N. C.
Elder K. A. Anderson, Rt. 1, Glade Valley, N. C.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder G. C. Roberts, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Va.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N, C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Licentiate C. A. Lawson, Galax, Va.
Licentiate Eldridge Sawyer, P. O. Box 14, Fries, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Zion—June 2nd Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.
Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Fox Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Crab Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Saturday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
Pilgrims Rest—June 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va. 20
C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 65
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
Raymmond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—P. T. McNeill, West Jefferson, N .C. 20
Fisher's River—G. C. Harbour, Dobson, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Hughie Blevins, Jr. Chilhowie, Va. 20
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United P. B. Association of Va., Eld. E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. 20
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Fransisco, N. C. 20

Mountain District.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Ann Edwards, oldest daughter of Henry and Cornelia Choate Richardson was born September 30, 1873, passed away March 20, 1958 at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 20 days. She was united in marriage to D. M.Edwards on April 15, 1894. They lived a happy and congenial life together till the year 1936 when he passed away suddenly with a heart attack. Unto this union 9 children were born, two of whom passed away in infancy. The surviving ones are: Henry Edwards, Mrs. Gilbert Atwood, and Charlie Edwards, Mrs. Harley Cheek, Emmett Edwards and Mrs. Delmas Kilby. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Walter Blevins, S. A. Richardson, Mrs. Arthur Greene, Mrs. Arza Caudill, Mrs. Robert Hanks, and H. I. Richardson.

In early married life they both united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Union, and a few years later were ordained deacons and in that capacity served the church faithfully and attentively till death.

She had been in declining health for several years and seriously ill for several months but was so patient and good through it all. She had made her home for some time with her oldest daughter and family where she was tenderly cared for. The doctor, family and friends did all they could but when her earthly life was finished she quietly and peacefully slipped away to the blessed heavenly home prepared for the people of God, where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, toil nor cares, for all tears will be wiped away.

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John M. Ward. In the early morning hours of March 12, 1958 in a Marion, Virginia hospital, death claimed one of Saddle Creek's oldest and well beloved citizens.

John M. Ward, eldest son of the late Johnson and Nancy Wingate Ward, was born on February 11, 1876, in the Saddle Creek community near Independence, where he lived 82 years, one month, and one day.

On December 10, 1898 he was married to Etta Roberts who passed away September 30, 1952. To this union 6 children were born, 3 girls and 3 boys. One daughter, Ethel, died in infancy.

Surviving are: Dwight, Albert, Paul, Mrs. Thomas McBride, Miss Esther Ward, 10 grandchildren. and 13 great grandchildren. Four sisters also survive: Mrs. Bettie Ward, Mrs. Lona Robbins, Mrs. Lura Parks, and Mrs. Mollie Martin, and a host of relatives to mourn the passing of a good neighbor and friend.

He was a member of the Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church, joining and being baptized 47 years ago. He and his good wife was deacon and deaconess for more than 30 years. He was a faithful and loyal member until failing health about six or seven years ago prevented him taking an active part in his beloved church work.

Children, do not think of Father as being dead; he has just crossed over the tide to be with Mother and Sister, where there will be no more suffering and pain, no more sad good-byes.

To the relatives and friends, you have lost a beloved member of your church, a good neighbor, a loyal friend, but our loss is heaven's gain.

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Burton Pedry Shockley was born in Carroll County, Virginia, August 23, 1868, departing this life January 15, 1958, making his stay on earth 89 years, 4 months, and 22 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Marietta Worrell, who still survives, July 4, 1893. To this union were born five children: Mrs. Orilha Conover, Mrs. Elva Wyrick, Miss Delphia Shockley, and a daughter, Alma Attaway who preceded him in death. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Lennie King.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Galax the second Sunday in May, 1932, and was ordained deacon the same year. His great devotion to his family and church was not excelled. His counsel was safe. He was indeed a great soldier of the cross—was held in the highest esteem by his brethren, his neighbors, and his friends; was a loving father, a kind husband, a friend to many, but his chief converse tion was of heaven and divine things. We feel our great loss is his eternal gain. Brother Shockley was blessed with good health, considering his age with the exception of his eyesight which had been gone for several years. He so often spoke of the mercies of God and that He doeth all things well. He truly was a great gift to the church as he filled the office of deacon so well.

May God continue to bless those that are near and dear unto his memory.

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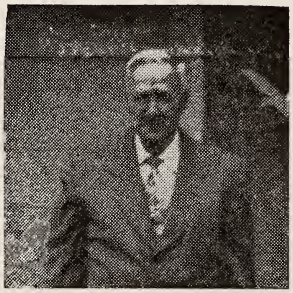

William Thomas Rector, son of John and Rosa Roberts Rector was born August 30, 1860 and passed away May 30, 1958 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eddie Hoppers of Whitehead after an illness of five months, making his stay on earth 97 years.

He was married to Miss Lucy Ellen Wagoner January 4, 1883, and unto this union were born three children; one boy and two girls as follows: Isom Gwyn Rector who preceded them in death February 18, 1886; Mrs. Rosa Jane Rector Osborne, Laurel Springs, N. C. Mrs. Carrie Ruth Rector Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C.; His first wife preceded him in death September 21, 1916. On May 7, 1920 he was married to Mrs Cora Long Woodie, who survives. Also he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lou Emma Peck; five half sisters: Mrs. Della Barden, Mrs. Celia Blevins, Mrs. Edd Hendrix, Mrs. W. M. Caudill, Mrs. Manda Caudill; one half brother, Elmer Rector; three grandchildren: Mrs. John A. Weaver, Jr., Thomas Hassell Hoppers, William Dewey Hoppers, and two great grandchildren.

Brother Rector professed a hope in Christ in early manhood and joined the Union Primitive Baptist Church where he served a faithful member for 73 years and a deacon for 20 years. He was an old-time Christian, good citizen, and a loving father. He was one of the directors of the Northwestern Bank, Sparta, N. C. He was a good neighbor and was loved by everyone, known as a good father of which his children can recall the good things he did for them. He will be missed by his family and many friends, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

"Only one life, it will soon be past, only the things done for God will last." Therefore may we so live and work each day that when our race on earth is run and the day of life is done, that there will be no vain regrets.

A precious one from us is gone, his voice we loved it still, a place is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

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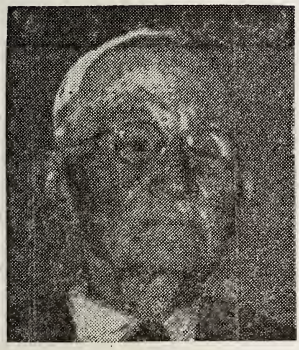

Elder Shade G. Caudill, 87 dies at Lawrence Hospital in Mooreville, September 17, after an illness of several weeks. He was born in Alleghany Co., and lived there for several years then moved to Iredell County, near Statesville, N. C.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Union the first Saturay in September 1891, where he remained a loyal member until death. He was ordained to the ministry and faithfully served many churches as long as he was able to attend. He was pastor of the Union Primitive Baptist Church at Whitehead where he held his last service in May, 1957.

Elder Caudill was married twice, first to Miss Sue Long, who died October 3, 1934 and later married Mrs. Leota Reeves, who survives. Also surviving are two sons and four daughters of the first marriage: Robert L. Caudill, Jesse Caudill, Mrs. Blake Deal, and Mrs. Dura Deal, Mrs. Mamie Brawley, Mrs. Claude Lipe; three step-sons, John A. Reeves, Wayne Reeves and Olin C. Reeves; three sisters and three brothers survive: Mrs. Candice Edwards and Blanch Edwards, Mrs. Florence Edwards, Edwin Caudill, Dr. W. C. Caudill, and Dr. Estel Caudill; forty grandchildren and around a hundred great grandchildren, also many relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral serveices were held at Union Primitive Baptist Church September 18, 1957 by Elders Charlie Hall and Walter Evans, who spoke sweet words of comfort to the bereaved family. The body was laid to rest at Statesville in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Yes, he has gone in spirit where our hopes are, and we believe he is enjoying what he had hoped for. May the Lord give us grace to be submissive to His will. May we say, Thy will be done, not ours. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

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Lou Annie Atwood Williams was born November 23, and died October 18,1954, making her stay on earth almost 85 years.

On November 6, 1886 she was married to John M. Williams, who was later ordained to the ministry. To this union were born 11 children, 7 of them, and Elder Williams preceded her in death. She is survived by four children, Leona McMeans, Eura Cornel, Carrie Billings, and Roscoe Williams. Several grandchildren and great grandchildrn also survive.

She received a sweet hope in Christ in early life and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch. In the last several years of her life she was not able to attend church often, but she always was interested in the welfare of the church and wanted it to stay in the old paths. When she saw or heard of worldly things about to tear up the church and happiness of God's children her heart was made sad. She was firm in the faith of salvation by the grace of God and gave Him the honor of all things good that His people received. She was a good mother and companion and is missed by all who loved her. She spent many lonesome days alone with the children caring for them and her home while Elder Williams was away from them caring for the churches that he was called on to serve.

She loved to have preaching in her home and feasted on the gospel, and even though she couldn't get up from bed, this didn't hinder her from shouting praises to her Redeemer's name. She would raise her voice in hymns of praise to her Lord. She loved the good old songs, the old paths, election by grace and predestination of God's children.

Let us not grieve for one that has passed on that was so firm in the doctrine of the church, but hope that it will please God to call others to follow in the good old paths as she has done.

Written by Nina Dancy Fender.

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Elizabeth Billings Cleary. It is with a sad heart that I, by special request of an afflicted son, attempt to write a short sketch of the life and of the passing from this world of trouble of our beloved and faithful sister, Elizabeth Billings Cleary, who peacefully and quietly fell asleep in eJsus her Lord and Savior in the early morning of October 13, 1957. After having lived 83 years, and 2 months and 8 days with her dear family, and in the midst of so many friends. She was happily married to William Cleary, January 9, 1890, who preceded her in death in 1955. Twelve children were born to this happy union to make even happier this dear and humble home: John, Flora, Ivan, Fred, Robert, Ella, Blanch, Bertha, Jean, Alice and Troy. This dear humble, and loving sister and mother received a sweet and humble hope in Christ, God's eternal and only begotten Son, who came here to save poor helpless and ruined sinners, and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Union in 1894 where she remained a faithful and loyal member until God called her spirit home. She attended the dear old church she loved, even after her body was so feeble and old she could hardly sit up. Yet she was blessed to rejoice in hope of eternal joy. She ofttimes would request services at her home which this writer attended many and enjoyed. It seemed that the Spirit of the living God just dwelled in her heart and the angels around her bed. For many years she had been a sufferer, attended with much pain, which she bore with patience. Waiting her change to come when she would lay still, be quiet and be at rest. This dear woman was a kind, devoted and loving mother. A loving and wonderful companion and good neighbor. Her home was always welcome to her many friends, perhaps even more welcome to the servants of God, who came preaching salvation by free, sovereign, eternal grace and peace by the blood of the cross, which she so much loved, believed and enjoyed. Surviving besides her 12 children, one brother, H. G. Billings, 28 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild, a number of nieces and nephews and many, many friends to mourn her passing.

Her funeral was conducted by Elders C. B. Kilby, R. N. Joines and the writer, her unworthy pastor at Union, in the presence of a large crowd of sad and sorrowing relatives and friends, her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the adoption, yes the redemption of her body at the resurrection of the dead, and join her disembodied spirit and be translated in her entirety amid the inconceivable glories of an eternal day, where she will enjoy beauties and splendors never imagined on earth in the land of heavenly glory, the eternal and abiding city, by reason of the electing grace of God, the firm and everlasting covenant, the redeeming blood, the high, holy, and effectual calling having been made partaker of divine nature. Yes, where all of God's vessels of mercy will be carried some sweet and happy day.

Our home is lonely now, since you have gone away,

But we hope to meet you in a better land, some bright, happy day.

Written by request.

—Walter Evans

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necess-

ary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.
9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	CHURCH MESSENGERS	Ord. Ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Saddle Creek: Elds. Evans, Walker, Sawyer	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	J. H. Stamper, M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps	..		4	..		..	..	..	1	17	$7.00
Crab Creek: Elds. Kilby and Douglas	Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va.	M. D. Rector, Luther Smith, Lester Greene	..	..	4		..	..	..	..		40	12.00
Elk Creek: Elds. Evans and Joines	Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C.	Arthur Gambill, Wayne Reeves, Willie Joines	..		2	..		..	..	..	2	36	10.00
Piney Creek: Eld. Edd Douglas	C. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	C. L. Hash, Myrtie Halsey, Lucy Weaver	..		1	..	..	..	..	..		16	5.00
Barton's Cross Roads: Eld. C. C. Sawyer	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	C. P. Greer, Olga Greer	..		1	..	..		..	..	..	13	5.00
Rock Creek: Elds. Evans and Douglas	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, Paul Hash, Esther McBride	..	..	4	..		..	..	..	1	44	4.00
Union: Elds. Caudill, Kilby, Evans, Joines	W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead, N. C.	Raleigh Joines, Eddie Hoppers, Robert Cleary	1	..	1	5			..	..	4	81	9.35
Crossroads: Eld. R. E. Douglas	Raymond Nichols, Galax, Va.	J. D. Murray, C. A. Lawson, J. I. Paisley	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	2	3	59	20.00
Zion, Elds. Anderson, Kilby, Joins, Sparks	John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C.	R. G. Cox, K. A. Anderson, J. A .Crouse	2	..	2		1	..	..	4	3	61	15.00
Antioch: Elds. Evans Joines	C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	J. P. Absher, C. G. Fender, John Watson	..	..	4	..		..	..	1	1	54	14.55
Pilgrims' Rest: G. C., C. L. Roberts	A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va.	C. L. Roberts, A. G. Hackler	2	..	4	..	..	1	..	..		8	5.00
Peach Botton: Eld. Coy Walker	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Clarence Ward, Greene Ward	1		2	1	..	..	3			55	9.00
Galax: Elds. Douglas & Sawyer	Delphia A. Shockley Rt. 4 Box 44,Galax, Va.	C. C. Sawyer, Fred Hawks, Ken Poe	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	2	42	15.00
Cranberry Elder Evans	Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C.	Ida Shepherd, Bessie Ctitcher	..	..	3	1	2	..	1			8	2.00
Little River: Elds. Kilby and Evans	G. R. Douglas Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	Walter Evans, L. M. Reeves, G. R Douglas	3	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	2	62	25.50
Fox Creek Not represented													

Minutes

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OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Saddle Creek Church

GRAYSON COUNTY, INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 4, 5 AND 6,

[1959]

Next Session convenes with Crab Creek Church, located on Highway 18, 10 miles east of Sparta on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1960

— OFFICERS —

ELDER EDD DOUGLAS - Moderator, Galax, Virginia
LON M. REEVES - Clerk, Sparta, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH SADDLE CREEK CHURCH,

Independence, Virginia, September 4, 5, and 6, 1959.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 4, 1959

1. The Association met according to last year's appointment and opened with song and prayer by Elder Edd Davis, correspondent from Senter Association.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglas, text: 1 John 4:12.

3. After intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business. Song and prayer by Elder Hadley Edwards, correspondent from Washington Association.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None came.

5. Called for, received and read letters from all our churches except Cranberry and Fox Creek, and seated their messengers.

6. Organized, moved and second to elect moderator and clerk by ballot. Elders Ray Rotenizer, Edd Preddy and Bro. E. C. Thompson took votes. Elder Edd Douglas was elected Moderator and Lon M. Reeves, Clerk.

7. Moved and second that our correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations make reports. Reports were made, those who failed were excused.

8. By move and second, called for correspondents and seated the following from sister Associations:

Fishers River—None

Washington—Elders Hadley Edwards, Raleigh Compton and Lester Barker.

Indian Creek—Elders Frank Lillie and C. B. D. Taylor.

St. Clair's Botton—Elder F. O. Sanders, Bro. Huey Blevins.

Senter—Elder Edd Davis, Brother F. G. Weaver and Brother B. O. Dolinger.

Roaring River—Brethren W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffee, John D. Hall and J. T. Choate.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia—Elder Ray Rotenizer and Brother J. F. Goad.

Piney Grove—Elder Edd Preddy, Brother S. O. Shelton, Elders R. L. Rogers and Joel Simmons.

9. Called for visitors from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated:

Indian Creek—Sisters Myrtle Lillie, Charlotte Lille, Brother Luther Easter and wife, Brother W. A. Davidson and wife and Sister May Poff.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Brother R. C. Price and wife, Brother B. F. Sanders, Bro. Vernie Heath and Bro. C. E. Adams and wife.

Senter—Sister Mallie Weaver and Brother G. E. Kilby.

Roaring River—Elder C. D. Hall and wife and Sister Thelma Hall.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia—Brother Roy Swinney, Brother Joe Banks and wife, Sister Ella Goad, Brother E. C. Thompson, Brother McKinley Goad and wife, Elder S. S. Walker and wife, Brother Moner A. Gardner and wife, Brother J. T. Jackson, Brother Robert Nester, Elder Monroe McGrady and wife, Brother J. W. Horton, Brother C. L. Burness, Brother N. L. Burnett and wife, Brother L. H. Shockley and Elder J. T. Spence.

Fisher's River—Elder E. L. Hunter, Bro. J. E. Simmons and wife, Bro. H. L. Badget and wife, Bro. Coy Flippin and wife, Eld. Bruce Thomas, Bro. C. C. Hawks and wife, Bro. P. L. Hawks and wife and Bro. H. J. Hill.

Piney Grove—Bro. H. S. Shealer, Sister Verta Simmons, Deacon Roy Hall and wife, Bro. Guy Priddy and wife and Bro. N. A. Alley and wife.

Washington—None.

Owl Creek Harmony Association—Elder Clarence Boyd.

Muskinggum Association—Eld. Elza Hite and wife and Sister Rachel Johnson.

10. Moderator sent to the stand Friday—Elders E. L. Hunter and Bruce Thomas.

11. Received minutes from the following corresponding association:

Senter, Indian Creek District, Abbott's Creek Union, Roaring River, United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia,

Fisher's River, St. Clair's Bottom District, Washington District, Ebenezer, Ketocton, and Piney Grove.

12. By move and second the Moderator was authorized to make all committee appointments for this session.

(a) The following brethren were appointed to committee on preaching: Elder C. B. Kilby, Bros. Mack D. Rector and Charlie Hash, with messengers from Saddle Creek Church.

(b) The following brethren were appointed to Finance Committee: Bros. C. S. McBride, Wayne Reeves, Lester Irwin and Eddie Hoppers.

(c) The following brethren were appointed to Committee on Arrangements: Elders Raleigh Joines, Walter Evans, C. C. Sawyer, and Brother Herman Edwards, Moderator and Clerk.

(d) The following brethren were appointed on committee to assign correspondents to sister Associations: Brother Garnet Bolt, Elder Coy Roberts, and Brother Mart Caudill.

(e) The following brethren were appointed on committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Bros. Eldridge Sawyer, Charlie Greer, and Bro. Clarence Ward.

13. By move and second, the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder Edd Preddy, correspondent from Piney Grove Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 5, 1959

1. The Asociation met pursuant to adjournment and was opened for business by song and prayer by Elder J. F. Goad, correspondent from United Primitive Baptist Association of Va.

2. By motion, called roll of messengers, marked off those absent.

3. Called for correspondents and visiting brethren to report that were not present on Friday.

4. By move and second, called on committee on arrangements to report. They reported the following and were discharged: The Committee on Arrangements recommends to the Association:

(a) That we have 800 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) The next Association to convene with Crab Creek

Church.

(c) Item 3a of last year's minutes concerning printing obituaries was approved again and the following obituaries are to be in this year's minutes: Deacon Jackson Woodruff, Brother Robert Lee Edwards, Elder Kelly Emory Anderson, Sister Leota Clementine Caudill, Sister Florence Caudill Edwards, Brother Earl Farmer, Brother C. A. Lawson, Brother Don Boyer and Sister Violet Boyer.

(d) General routine of business.

5. Moved and second that we carry Fox Creek and Cranberry Church on our minutes as not represented with letter.

6. Called on committee that was appointed to assign correspondents to sister Association to report. They reported the following assignments and committee was discharged:

Washington—Elder Walter Evans, Bro. Mart Jenkins, Bro. Charlie Collins and Bro. Arthur Gambill.

Roaring River—Elder Coy Roberts, Bro. J. H. Stamper, Eld. J. C. Sparks and Bro. Carey Estep.

Fisher's River—Eld. Walter Evans, Eld. Coy Walker, Bros. Raymond Nichols and Will Collins.

Indian Creek—Eld. C. C. Sawyer, Bros. Mart Jenkins, Claude McBride, and Elmer Sparks.

Piney Grove—Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Edd Douglas, Bros. Lon M. Reeves, and J. H. Stamper.

United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia—Eld. C. C. Sawyer, Elds. Edd Douglas, R. N. Joines, and Bro. C. D. Murray

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. B. Kilby, Bro. J. H. Stamper, Eld. R. N. Joines, and Bro. A. J. Reeves.

Senter—Elders C. B. Kilby, Edd Douglas, Bro. Lon M. Reeves and Bro. John Paisley.

7. Called on Committee on Finance to report. The Committee reported the following and was discharged:

Received from the churches	$172.75
Allowed for printing Minutes	75 00
Allowed Moderator	20.00
Allowed Clerk	20.00
Gave to correspondents	57.75
Total	$172.75

Brethren, sisters and friends donated $148.50 which was given to visiting Elders.

8. Called on Committee on Preaching to report. The following Elders were appointed to preach and the Committee discharged:

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Bruce Thomas, Romans 7:22
Elder Elbert Hunter, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

Saturday Morning:

Opened by prayer by Elder J. F. Goad
Elder Clarence Boyd, 2 Cor, 10:3-4
Elder Edd Priddy, Leviticus 26:13
Elder Elza Hiatt, Jude 1:1

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Joel Simmons, no special text
Elder Robert Rodgers, Isiah 40:10

Saturday Night at Little River Church:

Elder C. N. Tilson
Elder Ray Rotinizer

Saturday Night at Galax Church:

Elder Lester Barker
Elder S. S. Walker

Saturday Night at Peach Bottom Church:

Elder Frank J. Lillie
Elder C. B. D. Taylor

Sunday Morning:

Opened by prayer by Elder F. O. Sanders
Elder Hadley Edwards, John 16:22
Elder C. D. Hall, "While men slept the enemy sowed the tares."
Elder Edd Davis, Timothy 4:1, 2, 3
Elder Lester Barker, no special text
Remarks by Moderator.
Closed with song and prayer by Elder C. N. Tilson.

9. By move and second, appointed Clerk as treasurer and to superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes and distribute as usual.

10. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God, then to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during the setting of this Association.

11. Moved and second the next session of Mountain Association be held with Crab Creek Church to begin on Friday before

the first Sunday in September 1960.

12. By move and second the Minutes were read and approved.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by Elder R. L. Rogers, correspondent from Piney Grove Association.

R. E. DOUGLAS, Moderator
LON M. REEVES, Clerk

OBITUARIES

ANDREW JACKSON WOODRUFF

Andrew Jackson Woodruff was born Jan. 26, 1869, and passed away June 22, 1958, making his stay on earth 89 years, 4 months and 27 days.

He was married to Cynthia Wolf on December 31, 1893, and to this union were born four children, all four preceeded him in death.

"Uncle Jack" joined the church at Woodruff Saturday, Sept. 2, 1901. He was ordained a Deacon in June 1921, serving as Deacon for 12 years. He later moved his membership to Little River in Sparta where he remained a faithful member until death.

He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

The only ones left in the home are the wife, "Aunt Cynthia" and Martha Fender who came there to make her home at the age of 8 years.

"Uncle Jack" was a devoted husband and a good neighbor, kind and true and always ready to lend a hand to any one in need. He moved on through all the hard trials with unswerving faith, neither turning to the right or left. The life he lived should be a pattern for us all to go by. Me must remember as we live so shall we die, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

EARL FARMER

Earl Farmer, son of Thomas and Mary Rutherford Farmer, was born February 8, 1893 and passed away March 8, 1959, age 66 years and one month.

August 19, 1913 he was married to Matilda Toliver and to this union were born seven children. One daughter, Mary, died when four years old. Those surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Glyde Delp, Mrs. Betty Ruth Kyles; four sons, Talmadge, Bill, Walter and Tom Farmer. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild, many relatives and a great number of friends.

In May 1952, he united with the Primitive Baptist church at Elk Creek. He remained a faithful member until the end and filled his seat at church as long as he was able. He so much enjoyed having

his friends visit with him in his home and did his utmost to add to their comfort and welfare.

He lived his entire life in Alleghany county, living at the time of his death very near the place of his birth. He was a life-long farmer and for the last 25 years he had operated a fish camp. Earl had many friends and his wife said if he had an enemy, she did not know of one. He remarked to her that he did not want one of his fellowmen to feel badly toward him. For many months he had been a great sufferer. All that our local doctors and doctors of other hospitals could do was of no avail. He bore his afflictions with much patience, never complaining but desiring, if it be God's will, to get well; if not he told his pastor that he was not afraid to die and was ready when the summons came. What a beautiful thought. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

ROBERT LEE EDWARDS

Robert Lee Edwards, son of the late David and Caroline Edwards, was born April 24, 1892. Death came to him on July 30, 1958. He had reached the age of 66 years, 3 months and 6 days.

He was twice married. On November 26, 1909, he was first married to Berkie Ethel Edwards. To this union were born three children: an infant who died at birth, Clarence, and Mrs. Parley Truitt survive. Mrs. Edwards passed away on Aug. 8, 1924. On October 21, 1925, the second marriage was to Ruth Crouse. To this union were born two children: Mrs. Odell Smith and Miss Wanda Lee Edwards.

Surviving also are the following sisters and one brother: Mrs. Eddie Sparks, Misses Sallie and Pearl Edwards and Commodore Edwards. One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

At the age of seventeen, he joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Zion where he was a faithful member until his death.

He was not only a good, devoted husband, father and grandfather, but he was a real friend to all who knew him. But of all the good deeds he did, and they were many, nothing stands out any more prominent than his fine Christian life and knowing him as we do, we are prone to believe that today his soul is at rest in "that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

FLORENCE CAUDILL EDWARDS

Florence Caudill Edwards was born Jan. 7, 1882 and passed away March 13, 1959; daughter of Terrell and Caroline Caudill, and was married to Center Joshua Edwards on Oct. 17, 1900. Two sons, Terrell and Cleveland, preceded her in death. Those surviving are two daughters and one son—Mrs. James Mason, Mrs. Luther Vaughn and Clay Edwards, all of Bel Air, Md., three brothers, Dr. E. L. Caudill, Dr. W. C. Caudill and Edwin Caudill, and two sisters, Mrs. Candace Edwards and Mrs. Blanch Edwards.

She was a member of Union Primitive Baptist Church for many years and was a firm believer in salvation by grace.

VIOLET HAMPTON BOYER

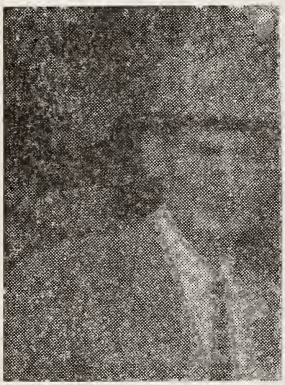
Violet Hampton Boyer, daughter of Litrell and Rosa Kirby Hampton, was born Aug. 31, 1885, and passed away Oct. 25, 1958, making her stay on earth 73 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Mourning her passing are three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Smith, Mrs. Emma Galyean and Mrs. Hazel Hackler; two sons, James and Crilly Ray; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Boyer, Mrs. Cena Dameron, Mrs. Ruth Hampton and Mrs. Julia Woodyard.

She professed faith in Christ about 50 years ago and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood where she remained a loyal and faithful member for the remainder of her life. Her church has lost a loyal and devoted member; her family, a kind and loving mother and the community a god neighbor in the truest sense of the word. Sincere dedicated concern for goodness, receptiveness to truth and God, understanding of God's grace and mercy reflect her quiet manner of life.

KELLY EMORY ANDERSON

Kelly Emory Anderson was born April 2, 1888, son of Kenny and Emaline Anderson, and died October 12, 1958, age 70 years, 6 mos. and 10 days.



On May 1, 1910 he was married to Sarah Jane Watson. To this union were born 13 children, six of them dying in infancy. Surviving are Mrs. James Bartelbough, Mrs. Roy McVisker, Mrs. Kyle Rector, Mrs. John Robert Anderson, Basil, Clifton and Amos. Mrs. Anderson passed away Feb. 22, 1935. Elder Anderson was united in marriage to Dorothy Nell Boone on July 23, 1936 and to this union were born six children, one dying in infancy and surviving are: James Kenneth, Mack, J. C., J. D., and Celia Mae Anderson of the home. Elder Anderson is also survived by his wife; one brother, Walter and one sister, Mrs. Noah Sexton.

Elder Anderson was united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Little River in 1923 and was ordained a minister in 1925, serving faithfully until his passing.

He was a good and loving husband, a good, kind and loving father, providing for the comfort and welfare of his family.

What we write or say will not add or detract from his way and manner of life. And it can well be said of him, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." The hands of loved ones ministered to him in his last hours, but could not alleviate his suffering.

Funeral service was conducted at Zion Church by his beloved moderator, Eld. Edd Douglas and Eld. Charlie Kilby, Elder Walter Evans and Eld. Matt Edwards of Fisher's River Association. Interment was in church cemetery.

DON MITCHELL BOYER

Don Mitchell Boyer was born in Alleghany County, North Carolina, on March 19, 1884, son of James Mitchell and Mary Atwood Boyer, and died Sept. 14, 1958. He was united in marriage to Violet Hampton June 14, 1905. They were blessed with eight children. Twins, Mabel and Hal, died in infancy, and Helen died at the age of seven.

Surviving are Mrs. Ruby Smith, Mrs. Emma Galyean, Mrs. Hazel Hackler, James and Crilly Ray; two brothers, Garland and Crilly; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Davidson and Mrs. Viola Adams, 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

For the past few years he had been in ill health but he bore all of his suffering with patience and leaned on the arm of a heavenly Father who is our refuge and strength. The affliction and suffering seemed to make him stronger and more faithful. He carried heavy burdens all along the way but was not known to grieve or complain about them. He was a constant source of inspiration to his family and those who knew and loved him. No more loving father and husband have we known. He dearly loved his grandchildren and they in turn loved him.

In April 1954 he was baptized and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood. Although he was converted while working in West Va. as a young man he always felt too unworthy to unite with the church earlier. However, he was a faithful attendant and a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist faith long before uniting with the church. In his last years he became more and more devotional, giving good counsel to all, meekly submitting all things to God's will.

JOHN ALBERT EVANS

John Albert Evans, son of William and Laura Crouse Evans, was born Aug. 13, 1881, and died in the Sparta Memorial Hospital Jan. 14, 1959, making his stay on earth 77 years, 5 month and 1 day.

On Feb. 26, 1910 he was married to Nancy Taylor who preceeded him in death several years ago. To this union were born 3 children: Mrs. Kyle Edwards, W. Claude Evans and Kyle Evans, deceased. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Betty Edwards and Mrs. P. J. Richardson, also two grandchildren, Doris Jean and Peggy Sue Edwards.

He was a member of the Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church, a devoted husband and father, who always applied the Golden Rule in his daily walk of life. He will be missed by his family and a host of friends.

LEOTA CLEMENTINE ELLIOTT

Leota Clementine Elliott, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elliott, was born Dec. 15, 1889 and departed this life March 28, 1959, making her stay on earth 69 years 3 months and 13 days.

September 19, 1906 she was married to Columbus Reeves, who preceded here to the great Beyond May 10, 1932.

To this union were born three sons, John Alexander, George Wayne and Olen Columbus.

In early life she professed faith in Christ and united with the Brush Creek Methodist Church. In later years about 1938 she joined the Union Primitive Baptist Church at Whitehead, N. C. to which she remained a faithful member until she was called to her eternal home.

In 1936 she was married to Elder Shade Chadill, who also preceded her to the great Beyond in Sept. 1958.

She will be remember by her three sons, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren as a most wonderful and loving mother and grandmother; by her neighbors and friends as one who was ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand in time of need or distress, and by all

who knew her as a living example of the Golden Rule.

To know her was to love and admire her great patience, courage and loving kindness.

Let us not mourn at her passing, but rather let us rejoice in the hope that our loss is Heaven's gain, and that her trials and troubles in this low ground of sin and sorrow are over, and that her soul now rests with our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, according to His purpose

CLAUDE ANDERSON LAWSON

Claude Anderson Lawson was born April 18, 1889, and departed this life December 4, 1958, making his stay on earth 69 years, 7 months and 16 days. On November 9, 1932 he was married to Mattie Hayes who still survives. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Linnie Freeman, and one brother, Boyd Lawson.

He united with the Missionary Baptist Church in Feb. 1935, and was later ordained a minister of that faith. In May 1952 he professed a hope and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Elk Creek, and was later liberated to preach. At the time of his passing he was a member of the Crossroads Church.

He was a life long merchant. Though he has been in very bad health for a number of years, he bore his suffering calmly and without complaint.

His passing from these earthly scenes has left a void in our lives; but could he speak with us today he would say, "Let not your hearts be troubled, Where I am there ye may be also."

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Edd Douglas, Galax, Va.
Elder Walter Evans, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Elder Raleigh Joines, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C.
Elder J. C. Sparks, Sparta, N. C.
Elder G. C. Roberts, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C.
Elder C. L. Roberts, Rt. 2, Independence, Va.
Elder Coy Walker, Sparta, N, C.
Elder C. C. Sawyer, Fries, Va.
Licentiate Eldridge Sawyer, P. O. Box 14, Fries, Va.

TIME FOR HOLDING COMMUNION

Piney Creek—June, 1st Saturday.
Zion—June 2nd Saturday.
Little River—June 3rd Saturday.
Union—July 1st Saturday.

Peach Bottom—July 2nd Saturday.
Fox Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Barton's Cross Roads—July 1st Saturday.
Crab Creek—July 4th Saturday.
Saddle Creek—July 3rd Saturday.
Rock Creek—August 1st Saturday.
Galax—August 2nd Saturday.
Elk Creek—August 2nd Saturday.
Cross Roads—August 3rd Saturday.
Antioch—August 4th Saturday.
Pilgrims Rest—June 4th Saturday.
And the Sunday following in all the churches.

MAILING ADDRESSES FOR MINUTES

A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va. 20
C. L. Hash, Sparta, N. C. 20
John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 50
G. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C. 65
Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C. 50
Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va. 50
Lura Parks, Mouth Of Wilson, Va. 20
Olga Greer, Grant, Va. 20
Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 65
M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va. 30
C. S. McBride, Independence, Va. 35
Miss Delphia Shockley, Galax, Va. 50
Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 50
Raymmond Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 60
C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C. 50
Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Laurel Springs, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Senter—Earl M. Severt, Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—G. C. Harbour, Dobson, N. C. 20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. 20
Roaring River—John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 15
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 20
St. Clair's Bottom—Hughie Blevins, Jr. Chilhowie, Va. 20
Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. 20
Mates Creek—Elder W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky. 20
Abbott's Creek—Reid Blevins, Rt. 7, Box 547, Salisbury, N. C. 15
United P. B. Association of Va., Eld. E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. 20
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Fransisco, N. C. 20

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated; but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necesssary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Associational Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necess-

ary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only b ythe imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.
9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make rmarks on his slips, failings or imprfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERK AND ADDRESSES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Ordained Mins.	Licensed Mins.	Sat. of Meeting	Baptized	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Crab Creek: Elds. Kilby and Douglas	Mack D. Rector, Rt. 1, Box 89, Galax, Va.	Mack D. Rector, Luther Smith, Lester Greene			4							37	$ 10.50
Elk Creek: Elds. Evans and Joines	Arthur Gambill, Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C.	Wayne Reeves, Willie Joines, R. C. Gambill			2						1	35	10.00
Piney Creek: Eld. Edd Douglas	C. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	C. L. Hash, Myrtie Halsey, Lucy Weaver			1							16	5.00
Barton's Cross Roads: Eld. C. C. Sawyer	Olga Greer Grant, Va.	Charles P. Greer, Olga Greer			1				1		1	11	5.00
Rock Creek: Elds. Evans and Douglas	C. S. McBride, Independence, Va.	C. S. McBride, Paul Hash, J. B. Rector			1							44	4.00
Union: Elders Kilby, Evans, Joines	Oscar Wyatt, Rt. 4, Sparta, N. C.	R. N. Joines, Oscar Wyatt, Eddie Hoppers	1		1				1		2	78	12.50
Crossroads: Eld. R. E. Douglas	Raymond Nichols, Galax, Va.	W. H. Collins, J. D. Murray, C. R. Boyer			3				1		3	55	20.00
Zion: Elds. Kilby, Joines, Sparks	John A. Crouse, Rt. 2, Sparta, N. C.	Carey Estep, Mart Caudill, Elmer Sparks	1		2						2	59	16.00
Antioch: Elds. Evans Joines	C. G. Fender, Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	C. G. Fender, J. P. Absher, J. L. Irwin			4							54	15.75
Pilgrims' Rest: Elds. G. C., C. L. Roberts	A. G. Hackler, Independence, Va.	C. L. Roberts, A. G. Hackler	2		4						1	7	6.00
Peach Botton: Eld. Coy Walker	Garnett Bolt, Independence, Va.	Garnett Bolt, Clarence Ward, Ross Quisenbury	1		2						2	53	13.00
Galax: Elds. Douglas & Sawyer	Delphia A. Shockley Rt. 4 Box 44, Galax, Va.	Herman Edwards, C. C. Sawyer, Eldridge Sawyer	1	1	2							42	20.00
Cranberry													
Fox Creek													
Little River: Elds. Kilby and Evans	G. R. Douglas Rt. 3, Sparta, N. C.	Walter Evans, G. R. Douglas, C. B. Kilby	3		3		1					63	28.00
Saddle Creek: Elds. Evans, Walker, Sawyer	M. A. Jenkins, Independence, Va.	M. A. Jenkins, Guy Phipps, J. H. Stamper			4							17	7.00